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BULGANIN SENDS A SECOND NOTE

Repeats Proposal For Friendship Treaty With US

AMERICA BLAMED FOR WORLD TENSIONS

Washington, Feb. 2.

Premier Nikolai Bulganin of Soviet Russia, blaming the United States for world tensions, tonight repeated his proposal for a 20-year friendship treaty between the United States and Russia.

In a new letter to President Eisenhower, the Soviet premier said anew that such a treaty "would contribute to the improvement of relations between your friends and ours in the international field."

"We can only regret that our proposal did not have a more favourable reception on the part of Your Excellency," said Marshal Bulganin. He referred to President Eisenhower's firm but polite rejection of the original proposal made on January 25.

Marshal Bulganin also said Russia was willing to conclude similar treaties of friendship with other nations, including Britain and France.

Immediate reaction in some official quarters was that Marshal Bulganin had failed to reply to Mr Eisenhower's specific proposals to ease East-West tensions.

The President had asked Marshal Bulganin how a two-way treaty could be a cure for tensions which the UN Charter had not cured. Persons who had read the note quickly said Marshal Bulganin had given "no answer" to these questions.

The State Department itself had no official reaction or comment on the new Bulganin letter.

Marshal Bulganin, whose letter was delivered through normal diplomatic channels, also said Russia still stood by its proposal that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the Communist Warsaw Treaty group conclude a treaty.

JAB AT DULLES

He contended that Russia already had taken "steps designed to relax international tension and strengthen confidence among States." But he said the Western powers had increased their military spending. In addition, he said, the United States had added new foreign military bases, many located on the borders of Russia.

Marshal Bulganin also took an obvious jab at the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, for his now famous "brink of war" interview. He said "personages" in the United States had made statements contrary to the Geneva spirit of friendship.

The Soviet Premier turned thumbs down on President Eisenhower's "open skies" proposal for exchanging military blueprints and aerial inspection, repeating the Communist argument that this "would intensify" the fear of war.

Marshal Bulganin accused the United States of erecting "serious obstacles" in the path of Russian efforts to develop contacts between this country and Russia.

But he went on to say: "I believe that by joint effort we shall succeed in liquidating the so-called Iron Curtain and in creating conditions for a wide development of personal contacts between the citizens of our countries."

IDEAS AWAITED

Marshal Bulganin concluded his letter, dated February 1, by saying that Russia was ready to give "the greatest attention" to any of Mr Eisenhower's ideas about Russia's proposed 20-year treaty.

He said: "I await your further ideas on this subject."

Some official quarters here viewed Marshal Bulganin's letter as an attempt to explain the failure of the October-November Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference by repeating in effect the Soviet positions at that conference.

Mr Eisenhower had blamed the Russians for failure to agree on European security, Germany, disarmament and easing East-West tensions. Marshal Bulganin's reply did not explain threatening Soviet activities in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

In releasing the letter, the State Department said it did not know when President Eisenhower would reply. Copies of the letter were transmitted without comment to the British and other Allied Embassies in Washington.

NO FANFARE

Delivery of the second Bulganin letter was marked by none of the public fanfare that attended delivery of the Soviet premier's first letter.

The Russian Ambassador, Mr Georgi Zarubin, delivered the first message to Mr Eisenhower at the White House personally after informing the press a day in advance of his intentions.

Mr Zarubin took today's letter quietly to Mr Dulles at the State Department shortly before the President left for a week-end at his farm in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The chief executive, who discussed the letter with Mr Dulles by telephone today, planned to study it over the weekend. The Presidential news secretary, Mr James Hagerty, indicated, however, that Mr Eisenhower would not reply until some time next week at the earliest.

Marshal Bulganin devoted a great portion of his letter to answering points in Mr Eisenhower's reply to his original proposal. He said the President seemed "preoccupied" with the fact that the suggested treaty "repeats to a certain degree some provisions of the UN Charter" which both the United States and Russia have signed.

NOT HINDRANCE

"But this fact, it seems to us, not only does not hinder but, on the contrary, favours the conclusion of the treaty," said Marshal Bulganin.

President Eisenhower had made the point that both countries already had agreed to the basic principles of the UN Charter.

Marshal Bulganin said the President would have to agree that a friendship treaty "between the two strongest powers in the world . . . would contribute enormously to a healthier international situation".

He also said he agreed with the President "that it is deeds and not words that count" in establishing world peace. But he insisted that the proposed treaty "would be one of the most important concrete acts in this respect".

The treaty, he said, "would strengthen confidence and bring tranquillity to the entire situation".

Marshal Bulganin said the treaty "would make it easier to accomplish substantial reductions of armaments and armed forces." He also said a solution to the knotty problem of international control of disarmament would become easier.—United Press.

Griffiths Only Just Beats Bevan

London, Feb. 2.

Mr James Griffiths, veteran Socialist politician, was tonight elected Deputy Leader by the British Labour Party, defeating left-wing leader Aneurin Bevan.

It was a narrow victory for the 65-year-old Labour moderate.

Labour members of parliament who decided the issue by secret postal ballot gave Mr Griffiths 141 votes against 111 for Mr Bevan.

Mr Bevan's defeat tonight robs him for the time being of the chance of gaining a seat in the national executive, governing body of the party. The deputy leader automatically sits on this top committee.

IMPRESSIVE POLL

Politicians here were impressed by the size of Mr Bevan's poll. Mr Griffiths had been expected to win, but his majority was lower than forecast.

The total votes cast left more than 20 members of the parliamentary Labour Party unaccounted for.

The Labour Party, in opposition to the government, is still worried by its decisive defeat in the last general election, and is anxious to heal the long-standing feuds between Bevanites and Moderates.

Because of this, Mr Bevan is believed to have gained the votes of members who, while unsympathetic to his philosophies, are anxious it should not feel the cards are stacked against him every time he bids for office.—Reuter and China Mail Special.

Appointed Premier

Manila, Feb. 3.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia confirmed last night that he had been appointed premier by his father, King Norodom Suramarit, and indicated he would present his government to the National Assembly on his return to Cambodia next week.—France-Presse.

The Nelson Pension Dispute Crops Up Again

MP TO FIGHT FOR HERO'S HEIR

London, Feb. 2.

A soldier is coming to the rescue of Admiral Lord Nelson's memory—in the the hope that the admiral's heir (a space travel enthusiast) will be able to benefit from the pension conferred on the admiral and his heirs in perpetuity.

The £5,000 a year grant bestowed by a grateful nation in 1806 was cut off abruptly by the Socialist "Nelson Estates Act" of 1947.

But now Lt-Col Walter Bromley Davenport, Conservative MP for Cheshire, hopes to persuade parliament to change its mind.

And he thinks he has a good case.

Nelson was not the only Englishman to win a grant in perpetuity. Generous parliaments also bestowed them on Wellington, Marlborough and Rodney.

In each of these cases the pension was eventually terminated. But only after a cash settlement had been made with their heirs.

Nelson was the only hero whose heirs were cut off without a penny.

Col Bromley Davenport will raise the issue in parliament next week.

The current heir is 65-year-old Earl Albert Francis Joseph Horatio Nelson, scholarly Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Zoological Society and the Royal Horticultural Society.

He, like his champion in parliament, is an ex-soldier—though his son served with the merchant navy during the war.

The present Lord Nelson had devoted his life mainly to astronomy.

And he has just written a hotly debated book on the prospects of living on Mars.—London Express Service.

UNFAIR TO SAVILLE ROW!

Berlin, Feb. 2.

A group of East German tailors are to visit Peking this month to teach Chinese tailors how to cut and stitch European clothes.

An East German source stated today that the Communist Chinese government has decided to introduce European fashions for Chinese women.

China has also been importing magazines from various western European countries to spread the popularity of European clothes for the well-dressed Communist Chinese woman.—France-Presse.

READY TO USE SOVIET ARMS

Cairo, Feb. 2.

Egypt's newly-acquired Soviet arms have been "deployed in full force all along the front," an official spokesman said today.

"Egyptian troops," he added, "have fully completed their training in the manipulation of Soviet arms."

The armed forces, he said, yesterday completed a seven-day full-scale live ammunition exercises near the Israeli front under the personal supervision of Minister of War and Commander-in-Chief, Maj-Gen. Abdel Hakim Amer.—United Press.

Crowds Try To Stop French Governor From Leaving

Algiers, Feb. 2.

The French Governor-General, M. Jacques Soustelle, was forced to ride to his ship aboard a tank today when 60,000 angry French settlers tried to prevent him from leaving.

The French residents demonstrated against replacement of M. Soustelle by General Georges Catroux, who was appointed by the new French Premier, M. Guy Mollet.

The authorities feared even worse disorders tomorrow when General Catroux is scheduled to arrive with Premier Mollet himself.

M. Soustelle, who is immensely popular with the French residents, made an appeal from the top of his tank in an effort to calm the crowd, which was shouting "you will not leave" and "stay with us."

But the appeal had no effect and M. Soustelle's tank, with troops flanking it, had to surge through the mobs to the dock where he went aboard his ship via an emergency gangway.

The crowds also shouted "Catroux into the Sea" and "Catroux to the museum," showing almost open revolt against M. Mollet's Algerian policy.

Crowds began gathering early outside the Governor's Palace and made M. Soustelle's car trip to the docks difficult, forcing him to transfer to the tank before he could board the liner El Djezair.—United Press.

GENERAL CATROUX

US Judge Rules . . .

GIs Must Be Tried In Japanese Court

Washinton, Feb. 2.

A Federal Judge has ruled here that four US soldiers must stand trial before a Japanese court to answer charges of inciting a riot.

Judge Josef C. McGarraghy of the US District Court here rejected defence attorney claims that the Statute of Forces Act, empowering the US military to turn its soldiers over to foreign courts for crimes committed off-base, was unconstitutional.

Defence attorneys indicated after the ruling that they would appeal against Judge McGarraghy's decision. It is expected the Appeal Court will grant a stay in order to study the appeal.

McGarraghy, in his ruling, said turning the four over to Japanese custody was a valid exercise of the administrative power of the executive. Nor were irreparable injuries done to the four soldiers since it is assumed they will get a fair trial in the Japanese courts, he said.

The four servicemen are charged with inciting a riot resulting in injury to six Japanese policemen last November.—United Press.

EUROPE IN GRIP OF ICY WEATHER

Paris, Feb. 2.

Europe tonight was still under siege by a severe cold wave which descended from Siberia three days ago and continued today to cause deaths, transport tie-ups and general discomfort.

The wintry blast penetrated south to cause snow in usually mild Nice, on the French Riviera, and crossed the Mediterranean to North Africa, where in Tunis, the thermometer went spiralling down more than 10 degrees in 24 hours.

In Italy, snow fell over nearly the entire peninsula, hitting Rome for the first time in 10 years.

Northern France hoped for some slight relief from the warmed-over Atlantic air currents tomorrow, after suffering icy blasts, reduced gas service and other inconveniences. But in the northern town of Bayeux, near the English Channel, a blizzard raged, piling up 60 centimetres of snow.

The snow in Bayeux was so high that a truck driver had to look for a woman he ran over, for several minutes before finding her, only slightly injured, buried deep in the drifts.

29 DEG BELOW

In Switzerland, the mercury shot down to minus 34 degrees centigrade, about 29 below zero, farenheit.

Violent winds on the Lake of Geneva caused a number of small boats to sink.

The Bavarian Alps in West Germany were hit by intense cold, which sent thermometers down to minus 38 degrees and in East Germany, river ice blocked nearly 150 vessels linking West Berlin with West Germany.

The cold wave extended across all of central and eastern Europe. Russians around the Moscow area suffered glacial temperatures, which plunged down to minus 42 degrees.

Muscovites were told they could expect more of the same tomorrow, and many Soviet schools, skating rinks and ski stations were closed.

SWANS TRAPPED

In England, helicopters went to the aid of swans, trapped on the frozen-over lakes of Suffolk. The aircraft were used to spot the swans and rescue teams rushed to the stricken areas to dislodge the ice floes and enable the swans to float clear.

The violent easterly winds raging over parts of Europe have been blamed for the mysterious arrival in the London area of three balloons, carrying documents in an undisclosed foreign language.

The balloons fell in Lewisham, Farnborough and Pinner, and Scotland Yard inspectors whisked away the documents for study.

The theory that the documents were tracts destined for Communist countries has not been confirmed.—France-Presse.

Chinese Suspects To Go On Trial

Manila, Feb. 3.

The Deportation Board will on Monday begin the trial of 10 Chinese arrested in 1954 for alleged affiliation with Chinese Communist organisations here and for aiding the Communists by soliciting contributions to promote Communist activities.

Four others arrested already have been deported at their own request. Four other suspects are still at large.—France-Presse.

Makarios Seeks Information

Nicosia, Feb. 2.

Cypriot nationalist leader, Archbishop Makarios, today asked Britain for further details on the constitution which it has proposed for Cyprus, a British spokesman said.

Makarios' request was contained in a letter which the British Governor, Sir John Harding, cabled to London tonight.

The letter's contents were kept secret, but political observers said that, Makarios demanded genuine self-government as a first step toward self-determination. Observers said the question now is whether the majority of Cypriot Greeks will agree with Makarios to postpone self-determination for the time being and thus bring peace to this strife-torn island.—France-Presse.

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Don't miss Giles at his very best in tomorrow's big Saturday edition of the China Mail, packed with a selection of the best week-end newspaper reading available in Fleet Street and New York.

Going to the Valley tomorrow? Then don't miss the China Mail tips for the big race.

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★ *It took a thousand guardsmen to arrest one man — the strange story of the siege of Piccadilly.*

★ *American GIs learn how to speak British English!*

★ *David Lewin pays a last tribute to the man who put the British film industry on the map—the late Sir Alexander Korda.*

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' reviews of the latest films showing in Hongkong, three pages of local and overseas pictures, a special section for women, another for children, another for sportsmen, comic strips, cartoons, puzzles — something for everyone in the family — all in the China Mail.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Dithering In Whitehall

IT is unfortunate Whitehall is taking so long to decide what to do about Major Lee Shun-ling and his Nationalist Chinese Sabre jet plane which landed at Kai Tak on Tuesday uninvited, unwanted and unwelcome. The best thing to do about such a visitor is to show him the door in the quickest possible time. Apparently the novelty of the situation is bewildering the wiseheads in London, but their dithering isn't making it any easier for Hongkong. Diplomatic quarters are quoted as saying that the British government has to make a "delicate decision" because it extends recognition to Peking, but not to Taipei. It is a little difficult to follow that line of reasoning.

The facts are simple and clear enough. A Nationalist Chinese warplane, piloted by a senior officer, and in difficulties because of fuel shortage, sought a safe emergency landing at Kai Tak to avoid a crash landing elsewhere. On humanitarian grounds he was quite properly permitted to put down at Kai Tak. Swiftly, but not unexpectedly, the Peking government requested the detention of the plane and its pilot by the Hongkong authorities.

THE grounds on which the request has been made are anything but solid. The plane is supposed to have made a raid on the China mainland, but assuming this to be so, it does not obligate Hongkong to satisfy the Peking request. A state of civil war certainly exists between the Chinese Communists and Nationalists, but Hongkong takes no sides in it; has not granted any belligerent rights.

Major Lee and his plane should be sent on their way without further delay. Their presence in Hongkong can be regarded as an isolated accident and should be treated as such. Much more important is it that combatants in the China civil war should be told in unmistakable terms that Hongkong is not to be considered a refuge for distressed pilots; that there must be no repetition of Tuesday's incident.

We feel the fears expressed in London that refusal to detain Major Lee and his plane will seriously strain relations between the British and Peking governments are exaggerated. The Chinese Communists have delivered a gesture (one would have been mildly surprised if they had failed to do so in view of the opportunity) but the legal support for Peking's request is highly doubtful. Hongkong and the British government are entitled to regard Major Lee and his Sabre jet as intruders, and with their jurisdictional powers, to take action that is considered as sensible as it is appropriate.

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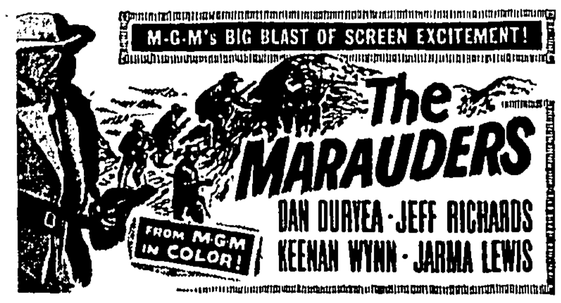

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EDEN'S MISSILE WARNING MAY ASSIST US DRIVE

By Paul Scott-Rankine

Washington, Feb. 2.

The sombre warning of the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, on the dangers of world destruction from long-range guided missiles is expected to help the recently stepped-up drive in Congress and within the Eisenhower Administration to win the current race with the Soviet Union in this field.

The Prime Minister's statements immediately after his three-day conference with President Eisenhower and his call for a joint examination by the United States and Britain of the problem was welcomed in Congressional circles as unusually timely.

The Senators who listened tensely to the Prime Minister today had not quite recovered from the shock of an unusually solemn debate on this subject less than 24 hours before.

One of their best informed and most responsible nuclear experts, Senator Henry Jackson (Democrat, Washington), the chairman of the highly secret Senate Committee on the military use of atomic energy, had then warned them of a grave danger that the Soviet Union would beat the United States in the dread race to produce missiles of both intermediate and intercontinental range.

Firm Necessity

At the same time he pointed to the potential effects of a Soviet announcement of victory in this race on the world balance of power even in peacetime and the possibility that some United States allies might be forced at crucial moments to neutralism and tacit co-operation with Moscow by the threat of destruction by missiles deliverable on their capitals in 10 to 15 minutes.

The immediate content of Sir Anthony's address therefore gave a new and more than sentimental significance to his recognition of the key Anglo-American alliance and of the necessity of firmly maintaining alliances with other countries.

When Sir Anthony referred to Britain and the United States "examining together" the problems created by these new weapons, he was not airing generalities.

Sir Reginald Maulding, the British Minister of Supply, discussed Anglo-American co-operation in the research and development of such weapons with the United States Secretary of Defence, Mr Charles Wilson, during a visit to Washington last December.

Major Obstacle

One major obstacle to such co-operation is the secrecy which stands between Britain and the United States on all matters connected with atomic weapons.

The communique issued at the end of the Anglo-American conference here yesterday hinted at the possibility of some of these restrictions being modified.—China Mail Special.

US BALLOONS CONFISCATED

Berlin, Feb. 2.

The East German authorities at Magdeburg, near the West German frontier, have confiscated several American balloons fitted with radio and photographic devices the East German Vice-Premier, Herr Walter Ulbricht, said here tonight.

Herr Ulbricht said the balloons contained new technical apparatus with important implications for the manufacture of optical and radio instruments.—France-Presse.

Indonesia Replies To Dutch Note

Geneva, Feb. 2.

Indonesia has replied to a Netherlands note which called for "clarifying talks" before resumption of the deadlocked Geneva conference on future relations between the two countries, a spokesman of the Indonesian delegation here said today.

A reply had been sent to The Hague asking for a meeting with the Dutch delegation this week, but only on the proposals put forward by the Indonesian government.

Earlier the Dutch Foreign Ministry said at The Hague that its note sought a further meeting of the delegation to "achieve the desired clarification" of the Indonesian standpoint before Geneva negotiations were concluded.

New Guinea Question

The negotiations have been on since December 10 to find means of improving relations between the countries, embittered in recent years by disputes over the sovereignty of Western New Guinea and financial-economic agreements governing Dutch interests in the former Netherlands East Indies.

The conference has not met since January 7.

Reports from Djakarta said impatience was mounting in Indonesia, with even moderate politicians and papers advocating "drastic measures" against large Dutch interests.—Reuter.

Colonial Road Research Chief

London, Feb. 2.

Dr R. S. Millard has been appointed head of the newly-formed Colonial Section of the Road Research Laboratory with the rank of Deputy Chief Scientific Officer.

Main job of the section will be to apply the basic knowledge already available at the laboratory to problems of road design and construction in the colonies.

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Italian-Peruvian singer Jia Thamoa has offered to sacrifice one of her eyes in an effort to save her husband from blindness. He is in Japan to undergo a corneal-grafting operation. Miss Thamoa refused offers from 11 other persons to donate eyes for the purpose.—Express Photo.

Intense Communist Action Expected In South America

Guatemala City, Feb. 2.

President Carlos Castillo Armas warned today that communism will unleash "intense and vigorous action" this year to win a new foothold in the Western Hemisphere.

He said every American nation is threatened. But he believed the Reds can be blocked if the 21 Republics stand together.

President Armas, who liberated Guatemala from Communist domination in 1954 and handed communism its first defeat in the Americas, said his country still is one of the chief targets of infiltration and sabotage.

Sabotage Attempt

"The return of the Communists to power here is impossible, however," he said.

In an exclusive question-and-answer interview with the United Press, the President said Communists "have tried to sabotage every one of the steps we have taken to establish full constitutional government in Guatemala.

"We are certain they obey orders from abroad," the President said. "Their contacts with exiled Guatemalan Communists in these acts of sabotage include also subversive attempts such as the plot put down last December 31."

Asked if he believed Communists represent a threat to other Central American governments, he said:

"Certainly. I consider communism a threat to all countries of the continent. But continental treaties and inter-American policies will permit them to guard against this real threat. The organisation of Central American States (ODECA) and Central American friendship are a wall against Communist infiltration.

Vigorous Action

"I believe that during 1956, international communism will unfold very intense and vigorous action in Latin America to gain another foothold after losing what they had in Guatemala."—United Press.

Mollet Gets Algerian Briefing

Paris, Feb. 2.

Newly appointed Premier Guy Mollet met several high-ranking Algerian dignitaries today to prepare the trouble shooting trip which he intends to make to Algiers next week.

A Socialist delegation from Oran briefed M. Mollet on the overall Algeria situation at a meeting held this morning. This afternoon, M. Mollet had a lengthy meeting with a delegation from the Algerian Parliament to compare ideas on the Algeria problem.

M. Mollet thus confirmed his intention to take personal charge of the Algeria situation with the aid of General Georges Catroux, Resident-Minister in Algeria, M. Max Lejeune, Army Secretary in charge of Algeria, and M. Marcel Champlex, Interior Secretary in charge of Algeria.

M. Mollet's trip to Algeria reportedly will be brief and will be followed by others, whenever necessary.

The exact date of the trip will be fixed at a Cabinet meeting tomorrow.—France-Presse.

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US Envoy To India Urges Aid Reassessment

NOT DOING ENOUGH TO STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIP

Washington, Feb. 2.

John Sherman Cooper, United States Ambassador to New Delhi, is strongly urging President Eisenhower, other high officials and Congressmen to take a new look at US economic and political policy with respect to India.

Mr Cooper, here for a month-long series of consultations, argued that the US is not doing all it could to strengthen its friendship with India.

He carried his recommendations to the top yesterday when he urged upon Mr Eisenhower's new plans for increased economic aid to India and a better understanding of the role that country is trying to play in international affairs.

Mr Cooper has made it clear, informants said, that he does not believe that the US should try to meet every Russian "gesture" of aid with a concrete proposal of equal magnitude. He agrees with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that such a course could be "ruinous."

However, he does urge a substantial increase in American aid above the figure of $60,000,000 for the current fiscal year. He told Mr Eisenhower yesterday, officials said, that American assistance in aiding India to carry out her second five-year-plan would be amply repaid by the Indian people.

Any step which helps India within the ranks of the democracies is well worth while, he added, whether the US agrees with all Indian policies or not.

Greater Caution

Mr Cooper, in his talks with Mr Eisenhower, Mr Dulles and Congressmen, has tried to explain why India adheres to a policy of non-alignment in the "cold war."

He used the analogy of the US in its early days when it heeded the advice of George Washington to avoid "foreign entanglements" likely to precipitate it into the arena of power politics on an international scale.

Mr Cooper is also urging greater caution on the part of American officials when discussing matters in Southeast Asia. He is known to have been disturbed particularly over Mr Dulles' reference to Goa as a "Portuguese province."

Strong Advocate

The consensus of diplomatic observers is that in Mr Cooper the Indians have a strong advocate at court in Washington. It remains to be seen whether his advice, which parallels that of his predecessor, Mr Chester Bowles, in many respects, will be heeded by the administration.—United Press.

TV Set Owners To Be Compensated

Paris, Feb. 2.

Owners of French television sets which became obsolete as a result of a fire which destroyed a station on top the Eiffel Tower on January 3, will be compensated, it was learned today.

The Tower fire caused a cessation of all telecasts on one of France's two systems, the 441-line definition. Shows on the 819-line system have continued.

Authorities of the French radio and television network decided that it would be cheaper to compensate set owners than to rebuild the station's facilities.

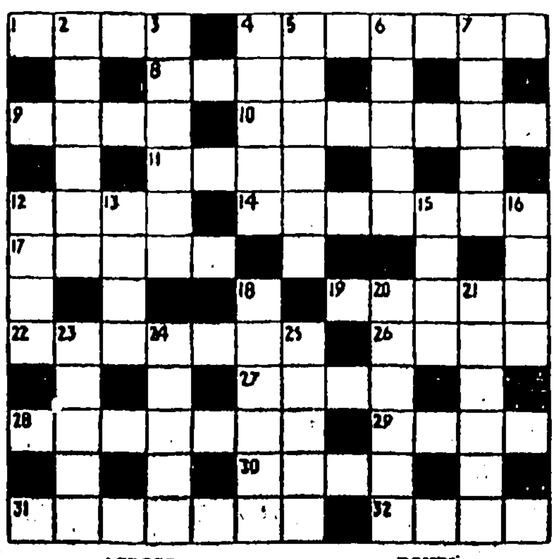
Undeclared Sets

Officially, there are some 6,000 set owners on the 441-line system, although many more undeclared sets exist.

When the sharper image was developed, it was decided to cease casts on the old system by January 1, 1958.

Two plans have been developed for compensation: Large discounts on the purchase of new 819-line sets or free rental of new-style sets until the 1958 deadline.—France-Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Disorder (4)
4 Rogues (7)
8 Imitated (4)
9 Resolute (4)
10 Books (7)
11 Rain hard (4)
12 Relate (4)
14 Recorded (7)
17 Willow (5)
19 Wilderness (5)
22 Meals (7)
26 Hastened (4)
27 Communists (4)
28 Part of a church (7)
29 Unfasten (4)
30 Slender (4)
31 Clergy (7)
32 Peer (4)

DOWN

2 Banishes (6)
3 Specimen (6)
4 Stage show (5)
5 Bedecks (6)
6 Rough (5)
7 Vassal (5)
12 Throw up (4)
13 Flaccid (4)
15 Grate (4)
16 Exploit (4)
18 Stop (6)
20 Take for granted (6)
21 Offer (6)
23 Show in (5)
24 Coppers (5)
25 Disposes of (5)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Hectic, 5 Dunce, 8 Dozen, 9 Sullen, 10 Linen, 11 Stiles, 12 Erne, 13 Toast, 16 Assent, 18 Lasted, 20 Dress, 22 Beni, 23 Seeps, 25 Idler, 26 Easter, 27 Stunt, 28 Press, 29 Tended. Down: 1 Hastened, 2 Culpable, 3 Ides, 4 Contest, 5 Deleted, 6 Unison, 7 Chess, 14 Attested, 19 Tortured, 16 Asserts, 17 Serpent, 19 Assess, 21 Rider, 24 Sete.

Arrest Of Trawlers

Defence Minister May Be Recalled

Washington, Feb. 2.

NORWEGIAN Defence Minister Nils Handal, now in Paris en route for Washington, may be recalled to Oslo for urgent consultations on the Soviet protest against Norway's arrest of Soviet trawlers, according to diplomatic officials here.

They said the Norwegian Cabinet is holding a special meeting on this subject and they might want to consult Mr Handal. Alternatively they pointed out Mr Handal might be requested to explain the Norwegian position on this matter to the State Department here.

The Soviet trawlers were seized by Norwegian police vessels for violating Norwegian waters and Soviet Russia has now peremptorily demanded their release.

Mr Handal is due here tomorrow with 10 members of the Norwegian Parliament's Military Affairs Committee in a United States military plane as guests of the United States government.

Important Talks

While Mr Handal is scheduled to have important talks with the Defence Department on NATO's northern defences, the committee will confer with the Armed Services Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

After that Mr Handal and the committee are scheduled to tour United States defence installations.

Lieut-Gen. Finn Lambrechts, chief of the Norwegian armed forces, is at present touring some of these installations.

Mr Bernt Lund, managing director of the Norwegian Shipping Association arrived here yesterday at the invitation of the House of Representatives Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

He will testify before the Committee next week on Norway's views on the present 50-50 regulations for the carriage by sea of United States economic and surplus products. Norway has always objected to this regulation. — United Press.

ECONOMIC AID FOR NEPAL

Washington, Feb. 2.

A grant of two million dollars in US economic assistance to help Nepal raise the living standards of its 8,000,000 people was announced today by the International Co-operation Administration.

The funds will be equally divided between technical co-operation and development assistance. Technical co-operation funds will go to continue programmes combatting insect-borne diseases, developing village training schools and teacher training.

Additional Source

Most of the development assistance funds will be used for the development of the Rapti valley. This will include extensive malaria control measures, construction of an access road, and land survey for establishing boundaries and soil studies.

Development would make the valley an additional source of food and timber supply for the nation's eight million population.

The United States has been extending economic assistance to Nepal since January, 1951. Up to the 1956 fiscal year, US allotments totalled 4,200,000 dollars.—France-Presse.

Strong Man's Feat

Madrid, Feb. 2.

A champion weightlifter named Soarto lifted a stone weighing 275 lbs 81 times in a contest at Tolosa.

Soarto, who weighs 15 stone 12 lbs himself, was allowed two breathing spells.—China Mail Special.

Students Build Barricades

One of the worst student demonstrations since the beginning of disturbances in Cyprus occurred recently, when a number of students rioted in a Nicosia square. The youngsters took up positions on a school roof, while others built barricades of tree trunks around the square. When British troops arrived they pelted them with stones. Demonstration was a protest against the arrest of 14 students during a riot at the same place 24 hours earlier. Picture shows some of the students building a barricade and stoning the troops.—Express Photo.

Peace Restored In Bonn Coalition

New Electoral Law Dropped

By Ian Fraser

Bonn, Feb. 2.

Dr Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democrats today dropped their plan for a new election law in West Germany and thus restored peace to the coalition.

The new election would have decimated the Free Democrats, their present coalition partners.

Instead they agreed to draft another law which, in all main points, was what the Free Democrats had demanded.

The Christian Democrats' abrupt change of policy was understood to have been due to fears that the party would otherwise lose control of the government of the key state of North Rhine—Westphalia.

Reached Understanding

Mr Thomas Dehler's Free Democrats said yesterday that they had reached an understanding with the Social Democratic Opposition in Duesseldorf to overthrow Herr Karl Arnold, the Christian Democratic Premier, who has held office there since 1947.

This would have been a bad blow to the prestige of Dr Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, at home and abroad.

If the Free Democrats had succeeded in turning further state governments against Dr Adenauer, he might well have lost control of the Bundesrat (federal upper house), which consists of state government nominees.

Dr Adenauer and Herr Arnold were understood to have overcome the resistance of the parliamentary leaders of their party, who saw in their own election law a method of converting West Germany into a two-party state.

Curt Demand

Relations between the Christian Democrats and Free Democrats, never very stable since Dr Adenauer's tremendous electoral victory in 1953, became critical last autumn when Dr Dehler, the chairman, made disparaging remarks about Dr Adenauer's foreign policy.

Dr Adenauer countered with a curt demand to Dr Dehler to retract his statements and pledge his party's full co-operation in the government coalition until the 1957 elections.

Dr Dehler refused to do this saying it amounted to giving the Christian Democrats a blank cheque on policy.

At the same time, the Christian Democratic parliamentary leaders tabled a new election law which diverged widely from the previous proportional systems and put much greater emphasis on simple majority constituencies on the British and American model.

Fully Proportional

Election experts estimate it would have cut the Free Democratic strength from 48 now to about 15.

Today Dr Heinrich Krone, the Christian Democratic floor leader, announced full agreement on another new election law, which was in effect fully proportional. — China Mail Special.

Pride Of The Soviets

Jack boots, bemedalled uniform, stern expression of Captain Vika Kovelenko, Russian jet pilot of the 4th Fighter Group, 205th Squadron, cloak the identity of film star, Katharine Hepburn, dressed for her role in a new film "Not for Money." The Remus film in which she co-stars with Bob Hope, is produced by Betty Box and directed by Ralph Thomas at Pinewood Studios, Buckinghamshire, England.—Reuterphoto.

No Reserved Seats

London, Feb. 2.

The Reverend Patrick Harvey, Rector of Awliscombe, near Honiton has publicly criticised people who, through the years, come to regard certain seats in their church as their special property.

"All seats are free and unappropriated," he wrote in the Honiton Deanery Magazine, "though no one would think so who saw the way certain 'regulars' cling to what they call 'their seats'."—China Mail Special.

Hollywood, Feb. 2.

The French actor Jean Pierre Aumont today was appointed guardian of the estate left to his daughter by his wife, actress Maria Montez.

Superior Judge Harold Schweitzer approved the petition by Mr Aumont for his daughter, Maria Christina, 9.

The estate is valued at $31,000.—United Press.

Middle East Precautionary Measures

Washington, Feb. 2.

TRIPARTITE discussions of the measures to be taken in the Middle East in the event of aggression are expected to proceed through diplomatic channels until an agenda has been agreed on, according to diplomatic channels.

They said they would also give time for the new French government to settle down and see its chances of stability before further action is taken.

They considered either a committee would be formed, or Cabinet Ministers dealing with the Middle East would meet, to agree on the decisions of an economic, military and financial kind to be recommended to their governments.

Theoretical

Some high United States officials consider this work may prove to be theoretical because they hope that the placing of more United Nations observers around Israel would effectively bar aggression.

They considered the United States would be extremely reluctant to take part in a display of force in the Middle East and pointed out that Congressional sanction would be necessary for such purpose.

Officials believe that Premier Guy Mollet, if he remains in office for some time, would want to come here on an official visit to discuss Middle East, European and Far East problems with the administration.—United Press.

Mine Danger In Danish Waters

Copenhagen, Feb. 2.

An estimated 2,000 mines from the last war may still be "live" in Danish waters and constitute a considerable danger to shipping, especially in the North Sea between Jutland and Britain, according to Captain Budtz Christensen of the Danish Naval Command.

He said that between 6,000 and 7,000 mines were laid in Danish waters during the war, especially by British bombers which often had to jettison mines without plotting their position during wartime sorties.

Recently the Danish Navy began an intensive programme of mine clearing. Special traffic lanes have been cleared, and sailing outside these routes is entirely on private responsibility, Captain Christensen said.—China Mail Special.

Dior Flattens Them With Arrow Look

By Barbara Miller

(United Press Fashion Writer)

Paris, Feb. 2.

Fashion king Christian Dior flattened bosoms today in his "Arrow Look" for 1956.

Straight and thin as an arrow was the Dior silhouette for the coming year. His showing was the highlight of the Paris 1956 fashion collections.

He completely erased any trace of a curve this year. His "Arrow Look" succeeded his "A" and "H" lines of other years which had pushed the bust up to the breastbone.

Like Projectile

The silhouette torso line rose straight as an arrow to the shoulders, which dropped off like an arrowhead on both sides in oversized raglans and puffs.

The waist went straight up like a projectile and landed just under the bust. It was gone. And in its place was a line marked by belts and drapes.

The effect was spectacular. But Dior's new girdles introduced with the new line made an iron vest look simple by contrast.

The styles won wild applause from "Ooing" and "Aahing" women crowded into the three big salons.

Though it went much further, the main details of Dior's 175-robe collection carried on the main trends that have appeared in the other fashion collections which started this week.

Dior's show firmly settled the battle over the 1956 silhouette. The bosom, whether prominent or flat, is high. So is the waist. Shoulders are broader and hips much thinner.

Three Silhouettes

Thus far the couturiers have shown trumpet shapes, bell shapes, rugby football shapes, sack shapes, tube shapes and flapper-like creations of the 1920s.

The general trend has been toward a high-bosomed empire waistline, but the fashion world awaited the final word of Master Dior's showing today.

Yesterday's showing saw two different lines—Jean Desse's high-bosomed, high-waisted "disciplined line", and Jacques Griffe's nonchalant, unfitted styles reminiscent of the 1920s.

But since Griffe was unable to make up his mind, he showed three different silhouettes—the Tube, the Bell, and the Ball.—United Press.

ECAFE MEETING

Russian Bid To Seat China Defeated

Bangalore, Feb. 2.

A Soviet bid to have China invited to the 12th session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) was defeated at the opening meeting here today.

Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, had asked delegates in his inaugural address to avoid present political conflicts, but said it was strange ECAFE should seek the largest measure of co-operation in Asia without representation of a large area—the Chinese People's Republic.

Set Aside

Russia introduced a resolution when the meeting opened asking for the replacement of the Nationalist Chinese representative by a representative of China, but ECAFE decided to set aside consideration of this resolution for the present session by 15 votes to five.

When the meeting ended the commission had before it another Soviet resolution asking for inclusion on the agenda of the application for admission of Outer Mongolia, the Communist Central Asian republic recently rejected as a candidate for the United Nations membership.—Reuter.

TUNGSTEN CONTRACT CUT BACK

Washington, Feb. 2.

The official General Services Administration (GSA) announced today it has reduced a $7,000,000 contract for tungsten from a Union of South Africa firm by $2,429,000.

At the beginning of the Korean War, GSA contracted with the Ookiep Copper Co. of the Union of South Africa, for the delivery of 120,000 short-ton units of the metal through March 31, 1958.

Deliveries from domestic producers, as well as reduced needs, enabled GSA to reduce the planned expenditure. The company was agreeable to the cutback, GSA said.

Tungsten is used principally in alloying steels. Its military applications involve use in gun barrels and armour plate.—United Press.

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NASSER

by Sefton Delmer

First the West pays the sheiks for oil. The sheiks use the money to help Egypt's Nasser. Then Nasser uses it to plot against the West. . . . That's the Middle East today.

Bagdad

I AM reporting from the East this grave and disturbing — and yet oddly encouraging —news for the West:—

● A drastic purge of young King Feisal's Iraqi Army has been ordered after the king himself was told that—

● Agents of Egypt's Premier Nasser have infiltrated the officer corps with the aim of overthrowing Iraq's anti-Soviet Premier Nuri; forcing the abdication of the king and the crown prince; and establishing the same kind of military dictatorship in Iraq as in Egypt.

The plot is part of the general plan by which Nasser's agents successfully provoked and led the recent flare-up in Jordan. Its political objective is to upset the Bagdad Pact, extricate Iraq from the Western defence system, and cause her to join the Egyptian-led Arab neutralists.

It demonstrates the extent to which Nasser and Saudi-Arabian dollar millionaires behind him have allowed ambition, jealousy, and dynastic rivalry to make them catspaws of the Kremlin.

REALISM

YET this shows up the coolness, realism, and resolution with which the Government of this young up-and-coming Arab State is dealing with the dangerous intrigues of Uncle Khrushchev's latest satellites.

No Great Power—and that includes Britain and the United States—has produced an intelligence chief who has done a more skilful job of counter-espionage than the little black-capped, black-spectacled director of the Bagdad C.I.D.

From his room in the Ministry of the Interior he has directed a campaign which, in addition to uncovering the army plot, has led to:—

1. The precipitate flight home to Cairo of Egyptian military attache Lieutenant - Colonel Mahmoud Kamel El Hinawi;

2. The arrest of the colonel's No. 1 agent, German-trained Egyptian commando officer Captian Mohamed Ali Issa—copying the old Soviet spy trick, he masqueraded as an embassy messenger;

3. Capture of a small army of agents and agitators (as in Jordan most of them are Palestinians);

4. Valuable haul of micro-filmed directives from Cairo plus several consignments of automatics, bren guns, grenades, and explosives.

The spy battle started late in 1954 when the Iraqi Government turned down Nasser's plea that Iraq should not enter the anti-Soviet defence system now known as the Bagdad Pact.

Nasser having failed by fair means now resorts to foul. Clandestine radio is started up.

Hour by hour the radio voice calls on the Iraqi people and the army to rise against the king and Premier Nuri. "Kill them," it cries.

Then bombs go off. One explodes hard by the embassy of the Bagdad Pact partner Turkey. Another blasts Bagdad's White House Palace just before an important conference.

Cairo's official Government radio triumphantly reports these "manifestations of the Iraq people's anger against the traitor stooges of the colonialist Powers." So too does Moscow radio.

But little Bahyet Atiya, the Bagdad C.I.D. chief, has been busy too. He has succeeded in infiltrating the infiltrators.

ARRESTED

FIRST dividend from the agents he has planted in the Egyptian network comes when he is able to arrest seven Egyptian - directed conspirators in Mosul. He captures them complete with that directive from Iraq-born Adnam Al Rai, head of Nasser's anti-Iraq operations.

He also nabs a consignment of arms, bombs, and a truck.

Then he traps another group of agents—Palestinians this time—as they cross the frontier from Jordan into Iraq with arms, bombs, and dollars.

The real triumph comes when one of the men Atiya has planted on Egyptian spy boss Ali Issa is sent by Issa as courier to Cairo.

Not only is the courier able to give the Iraqi authorities the most damning evidence against his Egyptian bosses but the instructions he brings back from Nasser's spy headquarters in Cairo enable the Iraqi authorities to intercept another group of arms carriers from Jordan.

As soon as the Egyptian military attache learns what has happened he gets the next plane for Cairo. Ali Issa however is too late. He is arrested as he is crossing Bagdad Bridge to meet one of his men.

STRANGE . . .

THE man is a young reserve officer whose capture led to the discovery of the most dangerous aspect of the whole affair —Nasser's attempt to subborn the Iraqi Army.

What fascinates and alarms me most in all these Egyptian subversive activities, not only here and in Jordan but in French North Africa, is the closeness to Communist techniques. It looks as though Moscow has introduced some of its own crack operators into the Egyptian machine who are now directing it.

It is an incontrovertible fact that known Communists are among the agents being used by the Egyptians and Saudis in Iraq.

Two Iraqis with Communist records admitted receiving 250 Iraqi pounds from the Saudi-Arabian embassy in Bagdad.

Yes, it is a strange world when ultra-rich princes of Saudi-Arabia distribute dollars they have received from American oil companies to Communist agents in order that the Communists may spread chaos and anarchy in the neighbour country.

But that's the Middle East today.

SEQUEL TO THE BERLIN KIDNAPPING:

Frau Schmidtke Tells Her Escape Story

By ANTONY TERRY

HAPPIEST man in the strife-torn iron curtain city of Berlin tonight is Helmut Schmidtke. He is the 36-year-old farm worker whose 34-year-old wife, Johanna, and nine-year-old son, Bernd, made world headlines eight weeks ago when they were brutally snatched by Communist guards on the city's Red borderline and dragged into the Soviet zone—the zone they had fled from only a few weeks before.

For today Johanna is is reunited with her husband and three children in a British sector refugee camp, after her second and most dramatic escape by train and subway across the Iron Curtain.

On this nerve - wracking journey, Johanna successfully fooled armed "Peoples Police" guards who were warned to be on the lookout for her. Nine-year-old Bernd made the same dangerous journey with a relative a few days later.

"I knew that if we had been seen together the Red guards would have recognised us instantly," his mother said.

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Breathless with excitement, the family told me over a cup of tea in the refugee centre how the daring escape, which provided a happy finale to a tragic story, was planned and carried out.

Tears welled in Herr Schmidtke's eyes when he recalled his wife's brutal kidnapping.

"I was desperate after Johanna and Bernd had gone," he said. "Our two daughters, five-year-old Brigitte and seven-year-old Regina, who were saved from the kidnappers by courageous West Berliners, were heartbroken without their mother. Added to it all, we were all three living in primitive conditions in the refugee camp, and we feared mother might be sentenced to a long term in a Communist 'Re-Education Centre.'

"So I worked out an elaborate escape plan that involved recovering my wife's former Soviet Zone identity card, which she gave up on arriving in West Berlin as a refugee.

"Under a pledge of secrecy, I got the refugee authorities to give me back the card. Then I sent a letter in code to my brother, who lives in the Soviet Zone some miles outside Berlin, asking him to come to West Berlin on a visit. He agreed at once to try and get Johanna out, even though it would have meant 25 years for him in an East German gaol if they had been caught.

"When he left again for the Soviet Zone that night he carried Johanna's East German identity card sewn into the seat of his trousers. This was in case he should be searched by Red border patrols, but he got through unchecked to Zernikov, where my wife and Bernd had been taken by East German secret police.

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"There in the home of her mother he told Johanna he had come to help her back to freedom. He warned of the dangers, but she agreed at once to take the risk."

Frau Schmidtke took up the story.

"We left in the early hours of the morning to avoid being caught by the secret police, who were constantly visiting the house to interrogate me. I did not sleep a wink that night. My heart was thumping madly as I crept out of the house and made my way to the nearest railway station two miles away.

"At the station I was recognised by a woman neighbour. I spent the worst ten minutes of my life waiting in the carriage for the train to start—terrified that she would give me away to Red guards at the station.

"From here I was to go to Oranienburg, where my brother-in-law has his home. My husband had planned the escape this way, in order that I should not arouse suspicion by taking a ticket direct to Berlin.

"I had no change of clothes from those I had been wearing on the day I was kidnapped. I knew this made me easier to recognise from the description the police had.

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"Next day I travelled on to Berlin. The last stage of the journey was in a local suburban subway train near the city's outskirts. I was subjected to several close checks by armed Communist police — the same type of guards who had kidnapped us in Berlin.

"As they examined my identity card I thought I should faint with fear. But they did not recognise me, although my name and picture has appeared in a number of Communist newspapers, branded as a "traitor to the people" because I had fled to freedom in the West.

"When the train slowly chugged across the demarcation line into West Berlin I burst into tears, for I knew I was free again."

Later her eyes filled with hatred and her voice became hard as she told bitterly of the treatment she and Bernd had received after their kidnapping by Red police.

"I was stripped naked and interrogated day and night for two days and nights," she said. "They kept me in a room away from Bernd, in a cell where the windows were boarded up so I could not tell whether it was night or day. I was moved about from one police headquarters to another. Then they sent for my mother, on the pretext that I had an accident.

"Finally they sent me back to Zernikov under escort. There I was questioned almost every day by secret police who tried to bully me into luring my husband back into East Germany. They also took Bernd away and interrogated him separately.

"They ordered me to write to my husband and say he could have a much better job and a rent free house if he would come back to East Germany. But I knew what their promises were worth, and I wrote Helmut only a few words of greeting.

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"Next day they were back again. 'Why did you not write as we ordered?' they shouted, and I knew that the secret police had intercepted my letter."

Nine-year-old Bernd's projected escape to freedom was kept a secret from him till the last moment. Frau Schmidtke's brother-in-law collected Bernd from his home early one morning.

"We were checked by police several times on the journey but we made it safely," Bernd said.

Now all the Schmidtkes want is a job for father.

"I would work anywhere as a farm labourer," he said. "But we are still unofficial refugees as far as the law is concerned, and so we get only 30 shillings a month allowance for five people, and I cannot get a job for months.

"We are on the list for evacuation from Berlin by air—but far down on it. So it means waiting a long time yet. But we are together again and we have had many nice letters and gifts, and this has cheered us.

YANKS LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH

By Norman Lindhurst

Wiesbaden, Germany

THE United States Air Force operates the world's largest language-training school. The school even teaches American airmen British English!

It covers eight countries, has "graduated" 17,000 students in less than a year and teaches eight tongues at 60 education centres.

It is also compulsory.

Yet it doesn't have to be. So many personal situations arise from the difficulties of language-barriers that classes at the school could be filled to capacity on a strictly volunteer basis.

Why?

Here is an example: Last autumn an American Air Force sergeant had the job of stocking a huge warehouse at a United States air base in one of the Arab countries. He couldn't speak, read or write the native tongue, and the local workers were as deficient in English.

Sergeant's Plan

Consequently the U.S. sergeant often found his supplies in a somewhat sad state of confusion, especially when the inspectors came round.

These inspectors found crates of typewriter-ribbons mixed in the "stall" where mop-heads belonged, or boxes of blackboard erasers stowed away in the same bin with boxes of neck-ties.

However, the sergeant was reluctant to undertake the laborious task of learning Arabic, and he was smart enough to devise a plan which he reckoned would be a fool-proof method of keeping supplies straight—and at the same time would serve the purpose of keeping him out of the language school.

He painted a cross of a different colour on each of the bins. Then, as the supplies poured in, he painted crosses on the boxes to correspond with the colours on the bins.

This stratagem worked fine—for a while.

But some new workers were hired who turned out to be suffering from an eye-defect. In short, they were colour-blind!

The sergeant is now a graduate of the Arabic language course.

German, French, Italian, Greek, Dutch, Norwegian, Arabic and Spanish are the eight languages taught in the compulsory classes.

FLIES BOTHER PILOTS

By J. W. TAYLOR

THERE is no question of where do flies go in the wintertime so far as the air pilot is concerned. They are on the wing high in the clouds any time, and are a nuisance to passing aircraft.

In their hunt to find a way of making air flow smoothly over a plane's wings and cut out wasteful "drag," the backroom boys working for Blackburn and General Aircraft at Brough, home of the giant Beverley freighter aircraft, have found that flies are one of the biggest enemies of pilots.

So much so that they have had a man with an incubator full of jam jars breeding tiny flies for them at the rate of 3,000 a week so that they can use them in their wind tunnel tests as part of an intensive four-year programme of research designed to improve the efficiency of the aeroplane of the future.

BIG ENOUGH

A plane in flight picks up hundreds of flies on the leading edges of its wings, just like the windscreen of a car. The scientists have discovered, too, that the leg or wing of a fly, or even a tiny spot of blood, is big enough to spoil the nice, smooth airflow they are seeking to perfect.

How to get the insects off the aircraft wings is a big problem when it is realised that there are thousands of flies, from bluebottles to microscopic insects, flying as high as 15,000 feet. Here the backroom boys of Brough are closely watching the antics of the incubator flies in their laboratory tunnel under the assimilated conditions of a plane in flight in the hope of finding some means of keeping flies off aircraft wings.

As in other aircraft establishments, they have tried out dozens of ideas without result. Always there was some "fly in the ointment," as it were.

ALL FAILED

Even sheets of brown paper, which fall off when the pilot pulls a piece of string, have been tried. Camphor and ice have been put on the wings, in the hope that when they melt or evaporate the flies would fall off too. There have even been ideas for putting out false leading wing edges, which could be pulled back inside the wings when the plane is above the "fly zone," but all have failed.

Meanwhile, three operators at Brough are having to spend four solid months at their calculating machines to produce statistics for Dr W.S. Coleman, director of aeronautical research and development at the Blackburn factory, who is soon producing a paper on his research into eliminating drag and making planes more efficient, including his findings on the flies.

It will be a strictly technical publication and may refer to a solution of the insect pest—that is if there are no more "flies in the ointment."

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Diamonds Sparkle In This Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH considered an opening bid of two diamonds in today's hand but decided against it since both of his suits were minors. He didn't want to push the bidding to the 11-trick level unless his partner could respond without being forced.

When North was able to muster up a free response, South changed his attitude toward the hand. There would probably be a reasonable play for slam if North had practically nothing but strong diamond support.

West opened the king of hearts, and dummy naturally won the first trick with the ace. Declarer quite properly led a low trump from dummy at the second trick and successfully finessed the jack.

Incidentally, it's worth noticing that it would have been a mistake to lead the queen of diamonds from the dummy for the finesse. This play would not help if East had three diamonds, since East would then cover with his king to make sure of a trump trick. The lead of the queen would be unnecessary if East had only two diamonds headed by the king. To lead the queen would be fatal if East had the singleton king, since then West would make a trump trick. If the low diamond is led, a singleton king in the East hand can be won with the ace, after which the jack and queen will draw the rest of the trumps without loss.

All of this was quite academic, of course, since East actually had a natural trump trick. South successfully finessed the jack of diamonds at the second trick and then hopefully led the ace of diamonds. West discarded a heart, and it was clear that East was bound to win a trick later on with his king of diamonds.

Now South had to avoid the loss of a spade trick. The best chance was to catch East with a doubleton spade.

With this object in mind, declarer cashed the ace and king of spades and then began to run his good clubs. East discarded a heart on the fourth round of clubs, but South then led a third trump, forcing East to win with his king.

At this point, East had nothing left but hearts. When he led a heart, South discarded the seven of spades from his hand while trumping in the dummy. This forced ruff and discard play gave declarer his slam contract.

NORTH 7
♠ 8 5 4 2
♥ A
♦ Q 7 6 5
♣ J 5 3 2

WEST
♠ Q 10 6 3
♥ K Q J 8 7 4
♦ 8
♣ 10 8

EAST
♠ J 9
♥ 10 9 6 5 3
♦ K 10 9
♣ 9 6 4

SOUTH (D)
♠ A K 7
♥ 2
♦ A J 4 3 2
♣ A K Q 7

Neither side vul

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 ♥	2 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♥ K

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Diamond	Pass	1 Heart	Pass
?			

You, South, hold:
♠ A J 7 3 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ K Q 10 6 ♣ 4 2
What do you do?

A—Bid two hearts. Your hand isn't good enough to bid the spades before raising the hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ J 8 7 3 ♥ A K 5 ♦ K Q 10 6 2 ♣ 4
What do you do?

(Answer Tomorrow)

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

AUTOMAGRICULTURE received another fillip yesterday when the Board installed on a Wiltshire farm the first radiosoa, a complicated mechanism which ploughs by remote control and sows immediately afterwards, thus saving untold man-hours.

The Board is also trying a new method of planting vegetables in transparent plastic tins, so that the process of tinning can be eliminated. The vegetables grow, and as they grow their tins expand by thermosthenic solvence. This was tried with apple-trees, but the fruit did not ripen thoroughly, and tasted of rust.

Poacher steals signal-box

She has tamed the hare and trained it to bring in her letters in the morning.

—News Item.

"IT'S quicker by hare," vouchsafed her nephew, sniggering at his own joke.

In passing

FAR from it be me to impinge on matters outside my jurisdiction, but I cannot resist passing on something I have just read. Miss Grace Kelly told her friends that she would shortly be Her Serene Highness Princess of Monaco, Duchess of Valentinois, Princess of Chateau-Porcien, Countess of Belfort, and Baroness of St Lo, and she added, "To my husband, I'll be just Grace, of course."

The oil war

THE purchase of 7,540,000 tons of pipe-lines by the Hong of Huffadi is regarded in oily circles as evidence that the Nob of Piffa has treble-crossed his associates, lied to his rivals, blackmailed his sleeping partner (a stepson of the Bookl of Zamzam), and outmanoeuvred (i.e., cheated) the Owph of Goboria. The next move, and possibly the darkest in the whole rollymolly and rumble-cum-trivy, rests with the Dhish of Raispuddin, the darkest horse that ever came out of these Augean stables.

The deflation campaign

"ONLY fools buy Foddleport's Bottled Potato Essence."

Thus runs the advertisement.

"My dear," says a customer, "it's bound to be good, because no firm could afford to run down its own stuff." "Do you mean that it's a sort of modesty?" "Oh, no. It's just a new angle. It strikes the eye and the imagination. After all, I say to myself, no firm would dare to call its customers fools unless it were very sure of itself and of the quality of its goods." "Oh, I see. Well, let's go in and buy a bottle or two."

TARGET

S	C	A
N	P	E
M	S	O

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left in making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 25 words, good; 29 words, very good; 37 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Alar appal apparel appeal appear apple area apare earl leal leap lapel pale paler pall palp papal papaw paper pare pawl peal pear pearl plea repa real reap sale wall WALLPAPER ware warp weal wear wrap.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

BORN today, you are affectionate and loving. Your native warmheartedness goes out to all whom you meet. You are eager to succeed, yourself, and want to take all your friends along with you on that shiny road to success. You are not one to follow others and must be the leader in any project. You are enthusiastic, quick-witted and a person whom others enjoy following.

It is unlikely that your life will be an easy road to success for you have too fluid a disposition to have everything run smoothly. But, your life is sure to be an exciting one—full of travel, adventure and change every little while. You are apt to get bored with life if you have to settle down into monotonous routine for too long a time. Select a career in which you can put these characteristics to good constructive use.

Fond of the arts, you may have some talent in this area yourself. But again, you may prefer to do the managing, rather than developing your own talents. You are quick to recognise talent in others and often your greatest happiness is in discovering the genius in another.

You do not wear your heart on your sleeve, but your emotions are deep and loyal. There will be but one real love in your life and it should bring you exceptional happiness.

Among those born on this date are: Horace Greeley, noted editor; Lord Salisbury, British prime minister; Gatti-Casazza, operatic manager; Reginald Griffith, educator; Sidney Lanier, poet; and Alvar Aalto, Finnish architect.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Get going on that new job today. This is the time when you can make energetic initiative count.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Attend an interesting lecture this evening which is highly informative and on an interesting subject.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you have homework to be done, get it finished today so that you can relax tomorrow.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—This is a fine day for romance. If you are buying the ring, today is a good time to make your selection.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If wed, there can be great happiness for you. The domestic scene is very serene just now.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Business matters should work out distinctly to your advantage. Get what is coming to you.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Your marriage partner should be amiable and bring you great joy. Happiness should now be yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Broaden your horizons. Make it a point to meet new people. Contacts can be valuable.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you have a favour to ask of the boss, then it is likely he will be receptive today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Those in the professions—especially medicine—should find that all goes smoothly with their plans.

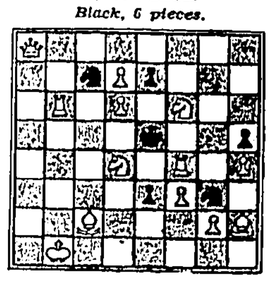
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Pay no attention to gossip. You will probably find that a rumour is quite unfounded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A satisfactory termination to legal matters should come up for your attention now.

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. FLECK

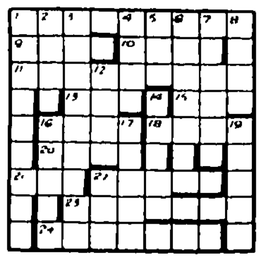
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 13 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

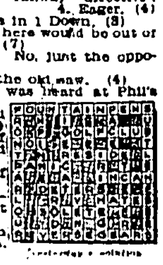
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1, R—Bl, 1 . . . B×Q; 2, R (K12)—QB2; 1 . . . B×B; 2, Q—B2.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. A real stab for a change. (9)
9. Part for a star. (4)
10. Musical beginnings of a violet (4)
11. Lots of people make this up. (9)
13. The fish sounds like a hoax. (3)
15. Sea south of Suez. (3)
16. Gun for a wedding? (4)
18. River seems to indicate a comedian's interjection to the south east. (4)
20. Partner of plaster. (4)
21. A man from Diana. (3)
22. Half a century. (5)
23. This can't be synthetic. (7)
24. This gen makes an early chief (7)

Down
1. Just the things for a comfortable sit-down. (3-6)
2. Mouth for arrogance. (4)
3. A stirring railway directive! (3-6) 4. Eager. (4)
5. You do this in 1 Down. (8)
6. Cabin man here would be out of his class. (7)
7. Youngest? No, just the opposite. (6)
8. Broken in the old saw. (4)
12. The flute's was heard at Phil's ball. (4)
14. It is a jewel of grace. (5)
16. Partner of cut—and thrust. (5)
17. The end of nothing. (5)
19. Blether—but not at first. (5)
23. It's low in East Anglia. (3)



Yesterday's solution

TODAY'S WOMANSENSE

SUIT WITH LILY COLLAR

By ALICE ALDEN

THE fabric's the thing this season, especially for after-five frivolity fashions. The good designer takes a fine fabric and gives it the simplest of treatment, avoiding extraneous detail and trim, so that it has no competition. Adele Simpson, talented designer that she is, does just this with a charming dinner and theatre suit. The silk and lame material is in platinum and gold, the line is slim and a soft lily collar opens out from the short-sleeved jacket top.

Household Hint

When shaping ground meat for loaf, hamburger or patties, try sprinkling a little flour on the waxed paper or board on which the meat is being prepared. This helps keep the meat from sticking while being shaped, and will give the meat a slight crust during cooking.

EILEEN ASCROFT reports from Rome

THE LADY VANISHES

... in the new Italian Loose Look

Rome.

HERE is a blatant lesson in how to make a lovely girl lose her appeal.

The one thing that matters about the new Roman spring woman is her hips. At least, that is the only part of a woman's body that can be detected in the Italian Loose Look. Everything else that makes up a lady vanishes. An unusual fashion experiment for the curve-conscious Italians!

Fabiani translates the Loose Look as the casual free line of the 1920's, strangely reminiscent of the early days of Chanel. His models are tall, straight as boards with large feet in enormously long pointed shoes.

And just in case you might be distracted by a pretty face or hair style, he caps the lot with severe deep, peekaboo cloches down to their ears, with a cut-out triangle in the brim to see where they are going.

Interesting details ... small plain sleeves all through the day, shorter skirts, and very full Charleston dance dresses over rustling petticoats.

SHORT SKIRTS

Simonetta, married to Fabiani and herself one of the most elegant women in Rome, portrays the Loose Look as a series of casual sheath dresses with a slight flaring to the front or back of the skirt. Late-day dresses have billowing short Charleston skirts over layers of petticoats, with fulness swept either to front or back.

Signature mark of this collection is the half-belt, either looped or buckled, which appears several inches above the natural waist, either front or back.

For the more informal social life today Simonetta shows a preponderance of short evening dresses, many of these in pastel prints with sheer silk bodices.

Although the Simonetta line is still unflattering and difficult to wear, it is an infinitely softer version than the one launched by her husband.

Materials in both collections are curiously hot looking for summer—lots of red, yellow and black.

I must confess I don't like the loose Roman look. It is unfeminine and difficult, disappointing after the return of prettier clothes in the London collection.

DEAD-PAN

WHAT other contributions has Rome made to spring fashions for 1950? Models wear the new Etruscan make-up. It is pale, unroughed, rather sallow in tone with light pink lipstick, and terrifically emphasised eyes. Result is like those dead-pan women who parade round Etruscan vases. I know what my husband would say if I suddenly emerged as an Etruscan beauty:

"What you need is a good night's rest!"

Hair styles lack inspiration. I always look forward to Italian trends in hair dressing, usually well in advance of New York and Paris. But here is another letdown. Models scrape their hair back into tight buns by day under those uncompromising hats. By night they let their hair down to those long untidy shoulder bobs we wore through the 1930's.

The most interesting ideas from the Italian collection in January are for coming holiday and beach wear. I loved Simonetta's crazy wooden shutter sun glasses and her wool jersey playsuit worn with 1920 covered-up top and brief 1950 shorts.

—(London Express Service).

SAVOURY SAUCES

WHEN your family tires of the everyday menu, try pepping it up with one of these easy-to-make but unusual sauces.

For left-over meats try a savoury sauce. Put ½ gill vinegar into pan with finely chopped onion. Cook slowly until liquid is much reduced. Add ½ pint tomato juice, salt and pepper and 1 teaspoon sugar. Cook over low flame for 10 minutes. Then mix 2 teaspoons cornflour with 2 tablespoons butter and gradually stir in. Before serving add 1 teaspoon chopped parsley and 2 tablespoons chopped mixed pickles.

For game or poultry, lemon herb sauce has the perfect tangy flavour. Prepare foundation with 1 tablespoon butter, 1 level tablespoon cornflour and ½ pint milk. Put 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar into pan with 1 teaspoon finely chopped shallots. Cook slowly until much reduced. Then add 1 tablespoon meat extract and mix well. Add white foundation sauce and stir until boiling. Add lemon juice, salt and pepper.

A good sweet sauce is the interesting answer to a somewhat ordinary pudding, and a further solution to the problem of using up the juices from tins of fruit.

Pineapple Sauce is made with the juice from a tin of pineapple and a few pieces or the fruit shredded finely. Make the quantity of liquid up to ½ pint with water. Mix 1 level tablespoon pineapple flavoured cornflour and 1 tablespoon sugar with a little cold syrup. Put the rest on to heat with small nut of butter. Add mixed cornflour, stir until boiling, then boil 1 minute. Add squeeze of lemon juice and the shreds of pineapple.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Do Trees Feel The Cold?

—Teddy and His Friends Make An Important Discovery—

By MAX TRELL

IT was a windy, blustery night outside. Out in the street the trees could be seen tossing and swaying. All their leaves were gone.

Teddy the Stuffed Bear sat with his face against the window. "It's a funny thing," he finally said.

Knarf and Hanid, the shadows, who were sitting on the other side of the room, looked up from their books and said: "What's a funny thing, Teddy?"

"Those trees out there," said Teddy.

Against The Glass

Knarf and Hanid went over to the window and looked out, pressing their faces against the glass just as Teddy did.

"What's wrong with those trees, Teddy?" asked Knarf.

"Well, this is what's wrong with them! When winter time comes, it gets cold, doesn't it? Everyone puts on heavy clothes to keep warm. Then why do those trees out there take off their leaves?"

This was such a surprising question that Knarf and Hanid didn't know what to say.

Finally Hanid said: "It's not the same thing, Teddy. Leaves aren't the same things as clothes."

"I don't know about that," said Teddy.

Just then Mr Punch, who was helping Judy cook a stew on the portable stove behind the fireplace, came over. He also looked through the window, pressing his face against the cold glass.

"Those trees sure have taken off their leaves," he remarked. "The funny thing about trees. They take things off when everybody else puts them on."

Hanid exclaimed. "That's just what Teddy said!"

"Yes," said Teddy, "that's what I said. But I was told that leaves weren't the same thing as clothes."

"The answer to that," said Mr Punch, "is that trees aren't the same as people. People don't wear leaves. And trees don't wear clothes. But leaves are the same to trees as clothes are to people."

Here General Tin the Tin Soldier, who had been standing near the door of the room with his musket over his shoulder, marched over to the others. He pressed his face against the window, looked out and said in a sort of gloomy voice: "If I had to be a tree, I wouldn't be that kind of tree. I'd be a Pine tree.

"Pine tree?" said Teddy. "Why?"

Foolish Friend

"Because, my foolish friend," said General Tin, "a Pine tree never takes off its leaves."

Teddy's eyes opened like saucers. "It doesn't!"

"Pine trees," said General Tin, "are evergreen trees. They're the most sensible trees in the world. But I guess it's too late."

"To late for what?" asked General Tin.

Teddy sat with his face against the window.

"I'm a Tin Soldier," said General Tin. "It's too late for me to be a Pine tree."

Everyone else in the room quickly agreed that it was too late for them to be anything else than what they were already. So they all stood by the window pressing their noses against the glass, looking out at the poor leafless trees.

"It's a shame they can't come in and be warm by our fireplace," Knarf said.

But the trees didn't seem to mind. They just kept staying outside, swaying with the wind and tossing their arms about them.

This Funny World.

"Hey! Maybe this is where we get off!"

Rupert and the New Boat—38

Walking thankfully to the bank Rupert smiles. "The ice-boat is lovely," he says, "but we don't get ice very often, I think, please, I'd like an ordinary boat that I can sail most of the year." "Of course you're right!" says Santa Claus heartily. "And we'll keep our ice-boat as a memento of a jolly good joke." Then all the little people gather round to wish him goodbye and the toy cowboy goes part way home with him. "My, I'm glad my mistake only led to a joke and not to trouble!" says the cowboy.

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SEVEN ASIAN ATHLETIC RECORDS IN 1955, BUT STANDARD IS STILL LOW

By "RECORDER"

Seven Asian athletic records fell in the course of 1955, but the general Asian athletic standard is still low in comparison to that of the rest of the world.

There are, as always, some world class performers in Asian athletics, but they are an exception rather than a rule. Of the seven new Asian records, the only two in world class were achieved by Toyoko Yoshino of Japan in the women's Discus Throw with 152 feet 1½ inches (46.37 metres) and by Fujie Abe of Japan in the women's Javelin Throw with 155 feet 7¾ inches (47.44 metres).

Another Japanese woman athlete very much in world class was Keiko Murakami with a Javelin Throw of 154 feet 7½ inches, while the Chinese People's Republic produced a world class woman high jumper in Fu Shueh-yan who cleared 5 feet 3⅜ inches at Shanghai on May 29. The Asian record of 5 feet 4⅛ inches was set by Rie Yamauchi of Japan at Yawata in 1946

The advance in Asian women's athletics was more notable in 1955 than in men's athletics. The sprint and hurdling standards have rocketed up with Francesca Sanopal of the Philippines claiming the title of Asia's fastest woman with 12.0 seconds for 100 Metres at Manila on March 5 She equalled Ayako Yoshikawa's Asian record set at Hiroshima in 1951

Asian records to fall in the men's events were in the 400 Metres, Joginder Singh of India slicing half a second off the old mark with 48.0 seconds at Calcutta on February 13, in the 800 Metres, run in 1 minute 51.8 seconds by Shigeharu Suzuki of Japan at Kassel, Germany, on September 3, in the 1,500 Metres, run in 3 minutes 54.4 seconds by Shun Yamada of Japan at Omuta on May 15, in the Shot Put and Discus Throw by India's giant Parduman Singh who reached 47 feet 10¼ inches at Calcutta on February 11 and 155 feet 3¼ inches at Calcutta on January 28

For a man of Parduman's huge build and width of shoulder neither of these two performances are worth taking much pride in. The Shot Put record has since been bettered, at Patiala on January 4, 1956, by the steadily improving Ishar Singh who reached 48 feet 4½ inches (14.74 Metres).

WORLD CLASS

Other Asian athletes very much in world class are Teruji Kogake of Japan, who hop, step and jumped 50 feet 11 inches at Odawara on October 9, and genial giant Muhammad Iqbal of Pakistan who reached 189 feet 1½ inches with the Hammer at Dacca on March 20.

Iqbal prefers the javelin to the hammer but has never been able to grasp the technique of this event and delights in distances of 160 or 170 feet. He managed to rank 10th in the world in the Hammer Throw in 1954 with 193 feet 3 inches at London's White City Stadium.

Quite the most notable advance in any athletic event in Asia in 1955 was in the Hammer Throw, in which event no fewer than 24 men passed the 150-foot barrier, six of them over 170 feet. Even the Republic of China produced a 160-footer in Fung Ching-fu who reached 160 feet 9½ inches (49.01 metres) at Taichung, Taiwan, on August 7.

A noteworthy feature of Asian athletics in 1955 was India's strong challenge to Japan in the sprints and hurdles. In these "burst" events, to which category the long jump and hop, step and jump also belong, India and Pakistan have often produced men in near world class, but they fade from the international scene even more rapidly than they rocket on to it.

EASILY EXPLAINED

The explanation is a simple one. The reason why India and Pakistan fail to produce athletes of the calibre of Chuhei Nambu, Mikio Oda, Takayoshi Yoshioka, Naoto Tajima and Matsuo Taniguchi can be attributed largely to lack of a scientific approach to injuries sustained in training and competition. Pulled and torn muscles require careful nursing and have ruined the careers of such all-time great sprinters as MacDonald Bailey.

One notes, studying the annual Japanese ranking lists, that some of the most outstanding Japanese hop, step and jumpers retire for a whole season. They are firmly advised against training or competition until injuries respond to treatment and a season's lay-off will not ruin an athlete's future.

The same is not true of India. A glaring example of this was the trip to the Asian Games at Manila of 52.7-second low hurdler Jagdev Singh when he was not even fit to start. He had pulled a thigh muscle in training about three weeks before the Games and India's athletic officialdom was much too optimistic about this responding to treatment in a matter of days

One can but ask, whatever happened to Balwant Singh, Gabriel, Abdul Khaliq, Muhammad Aslam, Muhammad Sharif Butt and others who but 18 months ago were approaching world class?

The most athletically advanced country in Asia today is, of course, Japan. The Japanese are meticulous and careful and they nurse their best hopes over many seasons.

Curiously enough, the palm for the second most advanced athletic nation in Asia must go to little Taiwan which, for its size and population, manages to maintain a very high standard.

The Japanese influence on Taiwan athletics is very evident. What the Japanese managed to do in their long occupation of the island was to produce an athletically - conscious community.

After these two comes Singapore, where the influence of one man, Tan Eng-yoon, has produced a team worthy of a big city Then, believe it or not, comes North Borneo where, despite every conceivable climatical handicap, the standard goes up and up with every year.

TOO CONFINED

In India and Pakistan athletics is too largely confined to the Armed services, the Police and the universities. There isn't even the vast athletic club system in these two countries that is true of Indonesia.

Training schemes on a national scale have thrown up many outstanding athletes in both India and Pakistan. But the emphasis is too much on the promising men who may do well this year or the next, little heed being paid to potential talent that may take four or five years to mature.

The result can very well be seen in the appended tables of best performers throughout Asia in 1955. India or Pakistan have a few brilliant individuals, but they will never challenge the Japanese in depth of material. It is creditable for Pakistan to have Asia's best Hammer Thrower, but Japan has 23 in Asia's best 30.

In the Philippines athletics is in a sickly state. It is confined to the high schools and universities, the Armed forces have practically abandoned it and there are very few athletic clubs. Only two national records in the men's events have been set in the Philippines since the end of the Pacific War.

Best performers throughout Asia in 1955 follow:

100 METERS DASH

10.6 Gurcharan Singh (India)
10.6 Amrik Singh (India)
10.6 S. K. Mathur (India)
10.7 Lavy Pinto (India)
10.7 Akira Kiyofuji (Japan)
10.7 Shigeo Hirano (Japan)
10.7 Yoshihiro Takatani (Japan)
10.7 Kyohei Uchio (Japan)
10.7 Akio Ichiguro (Japan)

200 METRES DASH (Around a turn)

21.7 Lavy Pinto (India)
21.8 Pedro Subido (Philippines)
21.8 Kanji Akagi (Japan)
21.9 Akira Kiyofuji (Japan)
21.9 Tan Eng-yoon (Singapore)*
22.0 Ram Swaroop (India)
22.0 Liu Ching-jen (Chinese PR)
22.1 Noel Fonlyn (Burma)*
22.1 S. K. Mathur (India)
22.1 Yoshiaki Hara (Japan)

*0.1 second subtracted from performance over 220 Yards.

400 METRES RUN

48.0 Joginder Singh (India)
48.6 Pablo Somblingo (Philippines)
48.7 Kanji Akagi (Japan)
49.0 Shigeharu Suzuki (Japan)
49.1 Liu Ching-jen (Chinese PR)
49.5 Alex Silveira (India)
49.6 Yoshitaka Muroya (Japan)
49.7 Rahim Ahmad (Malaya)*
49.8 Branon (Syria)
49.9 Bernabe Camares (Philippines)
49.9 Akira Matsui (Japan)
49.9 Nobuaki Matsuno (Japan)

*0.3 second subtracted from performance over 440 Yards.

800 METRES RUN

1:51.8 Shigeharu Suzuki (Japan)
1:52.3 Sohan Singh Dhanoa (India)
1:53.4 Yoshitaka Muroya (Japan)
1:54.6 Joginder Singh (India)
[illegible]
1:56.0 Souichi Kara (Japan)
1:56.0 Li Chung-lin (Chinese PR)
1:56.0 Matsuo Kanda (Japan)

1,500 METRES RUN

3:54.4 Shun Yamada (Japan)
3:56.0 Susumu Takahashi (Japan)
3:58.2 Makhan Singh (India)
3:59.0 Arjan Singh (India)
3:59.0 Hiroaki Chosa (Japan)
4:00.0 Seiji Koyanagi (Japan)
4:00.2 Tokimaro Komura (Japan)
4:00.4 Masayuki Nunogami (Japan)
4:01.0 Ajit Singh (India)
4:01.2 Mikio Uechi (Japan)

5,000 METRES RUN

14:40.0 Susumu Takahashi (Japan)
14:50.8 Osamu Inoue (Japan)
14:55.4 Jiro Yamauchi (Japan)
14:56.2 Sadao Ito (Japan)
14:56.2 Matsuo Iwamoto (Japan)
14:57.0 Mitsunobu Sato (Japan)
15:05.0 Tsuminosuke Hayashida (Japan)
15:07.8 Fumio Ito (Japan)
15:09.2 Masayuki Nunogami (Japan)
15:11.2 Tetsushi Hiruta (Japan)

10,000 METRES RUN

30:49.3 Buta Singh (India)
30:57.8 Sadao Ito (Japan)
31:00.4 Osamu Inoue (Japan)
31:12.0 Susumu Takahashi (Japan)
31:18.8 Masao Tanishiki (Japan)
31:21.0 Jiro Yamauchi (Japan)
31:24.8 Mitsunibu Sato (Japan)
31:38.4 Hitoshi Yoshida (Japan)
31:39.2 Fumio Ito (Japan)
31:40.2 Shun Yamada (Japan)

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

9:08.0 Susumu Takahashi (Japan)
9:28.2 Masayuki Nunogami (Japan)
9:32.8 Ryozo Nishimura (Japan)
9:35.0 Yasunasa Shirasagi (Japan)
9:36.6 Takakazu Owaki (Japan)
9:37.0 Yasuo Saito (Japan)
9:43.5 Muhammad Yar (Pakistan)
9:44.4 Yoshihiko Sakurandani (Japan)
9:45.1 Pan Singh (India)
9:47.0 Taichi Shirakawa (Japan)

110 METRES HURDLES

14.8 Shri Chand Ram (India)
14.9 Takehiko Nakajima (Japan)
15.0 Sohan Singh (India)
15.0 Sarwan Singh (India)
15.0 Yukiyoshi Kawata (Japan)
15.1 Bhagwan Ram (India)
15.1 Michinosuke Fukazawa (Japan)
15.2 C. D. Cleur (India)
15.3 Hanif Mallick (Pakistan)

400 METRES HURDLES

53.6 Jagdev Singh (India)
54.3 Keiji Ogushi (Japan)
54.4 Eriberto Mallari (Philippines)
54.7 Michinosuke Fukazawa (Japan)
55.1 Akira Tsuboi (Japan)
55.2 Pedro Lubrico (Philippines)
55.2 Nobuhiro Homma (Japan)
55.2 Katsumi Kubo (Japan)
55.3 Melanio Sumalinog (Philip.)
55.5 Noboru Hanada (Japan)

HIGH JUMP

6:6 Nagalam Ethiriveerasingham (Ceylon)
6:4⅝ Yukio Ishikawa (Japan)
6:4¼ Ajit Singh Bhullar (India)
6:4 Devi Dayal (India)
6:4 Takehiko Nakajima (Japan)
6:3⅝ Noboru Kasamatsu (Japan)
6:2¾ Kazuyoshi Yamamoto (Japan)
6:2¾ Yuzo Hiroshima (Japan)
6:2¾ Yang Zuan-quang (R. of China)
6:2½ Jerome Henderson (Singapore)

POLE VAULT

13: 5½ Kisaburo Ikeda (Japan)
13: 2¼ Iwao Hayashi (Japan)
13: 1½ Toyokichi Matsumoto (Jap.)
13: 1½ Tsuyoshi Sasai (Japan)
13: 1½ Sadao Nakamura (Japan)
13: 1½ Yasuhiro Furuhata (Japan)
12:11½ Kozo Akasaka (Japan)
12: 9½ Mikio Yokomokura (Japan)
12: 9½ Sueo Kobayashi (Japan)

LONG JUMP

24: 4½ Yushiro Sonoda (Japan)
24: 2½ Toshiyuki Kubo (Japan)
24: 1 Choho Teruya (Japan)
23: 7½ Tadaaki Kajimoto (Japan)
23: 7½ Yoken Hara (Japan)
23: 7½ Yasumichi Koono (Japan)
23: 7½ Takehiko Matsunaga (Jap.)
23: 5½ David Kushnir (Israel)
23: 5½ Masaji Tajima (Japan)
23: 5½ Sakae Sato (Japan)
23: 5½ Tetsu Miyamura (Japan)

HOP, STEP & JUMP

50:11 Teruji Kogake (Japan)
49:10 Hakuru Abe (Japan)
49: 9¾ Yushiro Sonoda (Japan)
49: 9¼ Akira Nishimura (Japan)
49: 7½ Tan Eng-yoon (Singapore)
49: 7 Masayuki Oguchi (Japan)
49: 6 Tomio Oota (Japan)
49: 1 Toshiyuki Kubo (Japan)
49: 0½ Koji Sakurai (Japan)
48:11 Yoshio Iimuro (Japan)

SHOT PUT

47:10¼ Parduman Singh (India)
46: 5¼ Ishar Singh (India)
46: 5 Hitoshi Goto (Japan)
45:11⅝ Yoshio Kojima (Japan)
45: 9½ Noor Khan (Pakistan)
45: 7 Harinder Singh (India)
44: 9½ Mitsuo Koike (Japan)
44: 3½ Setsuko Hiruta (Japan)
43:10¼ Chen Jen-chiang (Chi. PR)
43: 9¼ Li Ping-chen (Chinese PR)

DISCUS THROW

155: 3¼ Parduman Singh (India)
146: 0 Muhammad Ayyub (Pakistan)
143: 5 Balkar Singh (India)
142: 4¼ Chikashi Nishida (Japan)
140: 2¼ Hitoshi Goto (Japan)
138: 5 Minoru Takahashi (Japan)
137: 6¾ Motoyasu Nagano (Japan)
137: 0½ Kazuo Akimoto (Japan)
136: 0 Ishar Singh (India)
135: 1½ Kikuo Mukai (Japan)

HAMMER THROW

189: 1½ Muhammad Iqbal (Pakistan)
178: 2½ Yoshio Kojima (Japan)
176: 0½ Akindo Iizuka (Japan)
175: 0¾ Kiichi Suzuki (Japan)
174: 1 Masamitsu Yasuoka (Japan)
172: 2½ Takami Ogasawara (Japan)
162: 5 Devi Dayal (India)
160: 9½ Wang Tsung-hu (R. of China)
160: 8¾ Minoru Takahashi (Japan)
160: 6 Atsunori Yoshioka (Japan)

JAVELIN THROW

211: 1 Shinsuke Tanada (Japan)
207: 7½ Jalal Khan (Pakistan)
207: 4½ Katsushige Watanabe (Japan)
204: 1½ Masahiro Ito (Japan)
199:10¾ Yoshiharu Oohata (Japan)
199: 0 Ibondwo (India)
197: 6 Sarwan Singh (India)
195: 0⅝ Takumi Yokosu (Japan)
195: 1½ Hidemino Nakagawa (Japan)
194:10½ Yu Tzu-en (Chinese PR)

WOMEN'S EVENTS

100 METRES DASH

12.0 Francesca Sanopal (Philip.)
12.1 Kiang Yu-ming (Chinese PR)
12.2 Irene Penuela (Philippines)
12.2 Cheng Yu-ju (Chinese PR)
12.3 Atsuko Nambu (Japan)
12.3 Midori Tanaka (Japan)
12.4 Kazuko Chujo (Japan)
12.4 Mitsuko Sato (Japan)
12.4 [illegible] Fukuyama (Japan)
12.4 M. Leela Rao (India)

200 METRES DASH

[illegible]
26.3 Midori Tanaka (Japan)
26.4 Inocencia Solis (Philippines)
26.5 Liu Yu-ying (Chinese PR)
26.5 Cheng Yu-ju (Chines PR)
26.5 M. Leela Rao (India)
26.6 Mary Klass (Singapore)*
26.7 Michiko Kojima (Japan)
26.9 Milagros Camas (Philippines)

80 METRES HURDLES

11.6 Michiko Iwamoto (Japan)
11.7 Francesca Sanopal (Philip.)
11.7 Wen Yuen-jen (Chinese PR)
12.0 Violet Peters (India)
12.0 Tokuko Kikuchi (Japan)
12.1 Atsuko Nambu (Japan)
12.1 Kazuko Yamada (Japan)
12.1 Michiko Mizuki (Japan)
12.2 Marina Valdez (Philippines)
12.2 Mary d'Souza (India)
12.2 Lilia Herandis (Philippines)

HIGH JUMP

5: 3⅜ Fu Shueh-yan (Chinese PR)
5: 0½ Miyoko Takahashi (Japan)
5: 0½ Kyoko Watanabe (Japan)
5: 0½ Hisae Nakajima (Japan)
5: 0 Salome Banate (Philippines)
4:11⅜ Aiko Tsuchiya (Japan)
4:11⅜ Kazuko Yamada (Japan)

LONG JUMP

19: 2½ Yoshie Takahashi (Japan)
18: 2½ Sakura Fukuyama (Japan)
18: 2½ Sachiko Kishimoto (Japan)
18: 1½ Kazuo Otsuki (Japan)
18: 0½ Yasuko Kimura (Japan)
18: 0½ Etsuko Mori (Japan)
17:10½ Mikiko Tosaki (Japan)
17:10½ Fujiyo Mitsui (Japan)
17: 8½ Atsuko Nambu (Japan)
17: 8½ Nibuko Utagawa (Japan)

SHOT PUT

41: 8½ Motoko Yoshida (Japan)
41: 5½ Yuriko Mizokuchi (Japan)
40:10½ Toyoko Yoshino (Japan)
40: 6½ Lo Yun-tsi (Chinese PR)
40: 3 Toshiko Koizumi (Japan)
39: 2¾ Keiko Murakami (Japan)
38: 9½ Toshiko Sanbongi (Japan)
38: 5½ Kiyoko Obonai (Japan)
37:11 Hiroko Yamamoto (Japan)
37: 5½ Etsuko Ishida (Japan)

DISCUS THROW

152: 1½ Toyoko Yoshino (Japan)
135: 1½ Shih Bao-ju (Chinese PR)
132: 1½ Hiroko Uchida (Japan)
127: 3½ Yoko Ito (Japan)
124: 8 Setsuko Moriki (Japan)
122: 3½ Yuriko Mizokuchi (Japan)
121: 6½ Taeko Nomura (Japan)
121: 4½ Motoko Yoshida (Japan)
121: 1½ Yukie Suzuki (Japan)
121: 1½ Hiroko Yamamoto (Japan)

JAVELIN THROW

155: 7¾ Fujie Abe (Japan)
154: 7½ Keiko Murakami (Japan)
137:11 Yoriko Shida (Japan)
135: 7½ Atsuko Kaminashi (Japan)
133: 0½ Yae Isomura (Japan)
131: 9½ Setsuko Moriki (Japan)
129:11 Yoshiko Shimamura (Jap.)
129: 7½ Francesca Sanopal (Philip.)
128: 7½ Akiko Kurihara (Japan)
127: 5½ Michiko Tanaka (Japan)

WORLD RECORD SWIMMER IN ACTION

Picture shows Australia's Murray Rose (17) in action at Sydney where he recently broke the world record for 880 yards free style with a time of 9 mins. 34.3 secs., beating the previous best by 3.2 secs.—Central Press Photo.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting concludes with tomorrow's 10 events. The First Saddling Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., with the first race starting at 12.00 noon sharp.

The Pearce Memorial Cup will be the main attraction and the Special Cash Sweep will be decided on this race.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Old Course Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The opening event is confined to Class 5 ponies with novice jockeys as pilots. In view of its second placing behind Tip Top at the last meeting, Char Ting (H. K. Cheng) will be in most demand. His closest rivals are Fox Hunter (S. L. Cham) and Another Victory (A. Travert).

I concede Hiram C (C. E. Hulse) and High Noon (Allan Chan) fair chances of scoring.

As an outsider Perfectibility (U Kum-lun) is worth following.

SECOND RACE

Wongneichong Stakes (First Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

Among the ponies running in this event, Ben Nevis (M. Samarcq) has the best recommendation for a win.

Rebel III (A. Travert) is known to move fairly fast over a short distance and may turn out to be a dangerous proposition.

The third position should be fought out between Red Light (Kingsley Shih) and Burning Arrow (K. Kwok).

THIRD RACE

Old Course Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

Five Gold (Yen Ching-Lan), having hit winning form, can make it two in a row over the mile.

Sea Raider (Chun Kit) is good for this distance and will take a lot of beating.

Bayshore (H. M. Botelho) also has been showing good form lately during morning gallops and has a chance of success.

Encore (R. Tsai) and United Victory (Chen Poo) are fit enough and could cause an upset here.

FOURTH RACE

Chinese Club Cup: 1¼ Miles.

This race will be contested by Class 1 ponies. It seems to me that Night People (K. Kwok) should find little difficulty in beating Strathlan (P. Plumby) and Winsome Stag (H. K. Chuang) in this 1¼ Miles contest. This brown gelding impressed me very much with a splendid, stylish win at the 4th Race Meeting in the Stewards' Cup over six furlongs.

Castle Peak (Albert Lam) has been working well in the mornings and will be very near also. Bonita (A. Ostroumoff) is the outsider in this event.

FIFTH RACE

Old Course Handicap (Third Section): One Mile.

The Third Section of Class 5 ponies will battle out the finish in this event. I expect the winner to come from Miracle (M. Samarcq), Appreciation (P. Plumbly), Outsider (R. Tsai) and Oceanic Sky (Chun Kit).

Miracle came third in the Quarry Bay Handicap over the two-mile post at the last meeting with H. K. Cheng up. As it will be carrying another 2 lbs., i.e. 152 lbs. tomorrow, it should have a great opportunity of scoring a win here.

The only serious opposition is likely to come from Appreciation which is good over this distance.

Outsider should also be considered in view of its fine form at the moment.

Oceanic Sky is not a bad selection to keep in mind. Although this pony has not won a race lately, it may turn up with a win tomorrow afternoon.

SIXTH RACE

Pearce Memorial Cup: 1¼ Miles.

This is the main event of the afternoon on which the Special Cash Sweep will be decided.

Oscar Prize (H. H. Chan) seems to have the best chance of winning this race.

Balkan Monarch (Chun Kit) may prove dangerous with Norse King (P. Plumbly) also having a say in the matter.

City of Victoria (H. C. Pih) is good, but I am afraid it is not good enough against the better bets in this field.

SEVENTH RACE

Hongkong Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 4 ponies. Looking over the entries it appears that Violet Ray (P. Plumbly), which was left badly at the start the last time out, is the logical choice for the winner as it is coming on nicely in morning gallops.

Quicksilver (H. K. Cheng) is the next best bet, but it must also be borne in mind that Forward View (H. C. Pih) is another pony to watch as the distance is very suitable to it.

Every Day (V. H. Oliveira) is a good bet for the same reason.

EIGHTH RACE

Wongneichong Stakes (Second Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

The Second Section of 1956 ponies will figure in this sprint event. Judging from past performances, Good News (Starr Liu) will probably win.

Opposition is likely to come from Caravelle (H. C. Pih).

Peach Blossom (R. Tsai) is another pony to watch; whilst Chekupum (P. Plumbly) is not bad.

Man On (K. Kwok) is another candidate capable of extending the field.

NINTH RACE

Hongkong Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

Sunstreak (Lam King-tak) has a good opportunity of winning this race for the second section of Class 4 ponies despite its disappointing run at the last meeting as it is very fit at the moment.

Beautiful Phoenix (H. K. Hung) has been knocking at the door of success for sometime and Dragonfly (H. K. Chuang) is another pony to bear in mind as it is capable of making a race of it. Allied Victory (M. Samarcq) and Squadron Leader (E. S. Wong) are also making rapid improvement.

TENTH RACE

Hongkong Handicap (Third Section): One Mile.

This race will wind up the Annual Racing Carnival and should provide an interesting finish.

Bashful Beauty II has been showing good form lately under the guidance of M. Samarcq during morning gallops and over this distance I think it should come in first.

The strongest opposition will come from Chessington (P. Plumbly). The pony is certainly very fit at the moment and may even prove a winner.

How Do I Know (C. L. Liu) and Tonyber (A. Ostroumoff) are good over this distance and can be depended upon to put up a good fight.

Sweden Win Second Gold Medal At Winter Olympics

Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, Feb. 2.

Sixten Jernberg, a 27-year-old woodcutter from the forests of central Sweden, today won the 50 kilometres crosscountry ski event to give Sweden their second gold medal of the Winter Olympic Games here.

Jernberg the "iron man" of Swedish skiing beat the holder of the Olympic title for this distance, 31-year-old Veikko Hakulinen of Finland by just over a minute after a terrific struggle.

The Swede, who has previously finished second in the Olympic 15 kilometres and 30 kilometres crosscountry ski events here, today became the World's number one crosscountry skier. The Russians took third, 5th and 6th places. The Bronze medal went to Fedor Terentiev.

The United States and Sweden both gained their second Gold medals in the Winter Olympic Games here today.

Americans, who took the first three places in the Men's figure skating yesterday, did almost as well today, finishing first and second in the women's event.

This success boosted the United States' total in the unofficial points table. They now lie sixth with 37½ points.

Finland claimed eight points today and Sweden and the Soviet Union seven each.

POINTS TABLE

Points table (based on 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for the first six places):

USSR 89 points, Austria 47½, Sweden 47, Finland 40, Norway 38, United States 37½, Switzerland 27½, Italy 18½, France 9, Germany and Netherlands seven each, Canada and Poland six each, Japan five, Britain four, Czechoslovakia and Spain three each.

Medals table in three columns under the following headings: Gold silver bronze.

		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	USRR	5	3	6
2.	Sweden	2	4	3
3.	Austria	2	3	3
4.	United States	2	2	1
5.	Norway	2	1	1
6.	Switzerland	2	1	1
7.	Finland	2	1	1
8.	Italy	1	1	0
9.	Germany	1	0	0
10.	Japan	0	1	0
11.	Canada	0	0	1
	Poland	0	0	1

—Reuter.

Jernberg's time today was 2 hours 50 minutes 27 seconds.

The first six in the event all beat 3 hours. Hakulinen took more than three and a half hours when winning the title in the 1952 Games at Oslo.

The United States gained their second Gold medal of the games when Miss Tenley Albright, the World Champion, won the Olympic ladies' figure skating title at the ice stadium.

The cheery 20-year-old student from Massachusetts had a great battle with her 16-year-old teammate, Miss Carol Heiss, the attractive "pocket venus" who won the Silver medal. Third place went to the European Champion Fraulein Ingrid Wendl of Austria.

Miss Albright gained the title under a handicap as her ankle, which she cut just before the Olympics began, was paining her as she skated today. She said at the finish as the skating boot was quickly removed from the injured foot by her surgeon father "I could have done better with two good legs."

FIGURE SKATING

The official order for the Ladies' figure skating Championships was published tonight. The only change in placings for the first ten was in the seventh place—finally given to Hanna Walter (Austria). Catherine Machado (US) moves down to eighth place. The places and points were as follows:

1. Tenley Albright (US) 12 places, 169.97 points.
2. Carol Heiss (US) 21 places, 168.02 points.
3. Ingrid Wendl (Austria) 39 places, 159.44 points.
4. Yvonne Sugden (Britain) 53 places, 156.62 points.
5. Hanna Eigel (Austria), 52 places, 157.15 points.
6. Carole Pachl (Canada) 73 places, 154.74 points.
7. Hanna Walter (Austria) 83.5 places, 153.89 points.
8. Catherine Machado (US) 86.5 places, 154.48 points.
9. Anna Johnston (Canada) 94 places, 152.04 points.
10. Rosa Pettinger (Germany) 101 places, 152.04 points.

ICE HOCKEY

The Soviet Union beat Czechoslovakia in the last third round match of the final pool for the Olympic ice-hockey Championship, by seven goals to four tonight. Period scores were 2-1, 3-0, 2-3.

Earlier today Canada beat Germany 10-0 and the United States beat Sweden 6-1. The United States and the Soviet Union are unbeaten.

Final pool placings at the end of the third round were:

1. Soviet Union and United States, each with 3 wins and 6 points.
3. Canada—two wins and one defeat—4 points.
4. Sweden—one win and two defeats—2 points.

Czechoslovakia and Germany —each with three defeats and no points.—France-Presse.

Ian Thomson Leaves For Pakistan

London, Feb. 2.

The MCC announced today that Ian Thomson, the Sussex fast-medium bowler, is being flown to Pakistan next Thursday to reinforce the "A" team at present touring there. He is being sent because of the doubts that have arisen over the fitness of M. J. Cowan, the Yorkshire fast-medium left-hander, who is suffering from back trouble.

Ian Thomson, 26 last month, has played first-class cricket for four seasons. Born at Walsall in Staffordshire, he joined Sussex as an amateur and made his debut in 1952. He turned professional the following season.

An accurate attacking bowler who possesses considerable stamina, Thomson last season bowled over 11 hundred overs and took 18 wickets at an average of 22.66 runs each.

His career record is 391 wickets for 8,534 runs, an average of 21.82. He is also a useful hard hitting batsman, whose highest score was 49.

Thomson is expected to reach Pakistan in time for the match against the Punjab Cricket Association at Sialkot, where there is a matting wicket. He will be available for the last six matches of the tour, which include the third and fourth representative games against Pakistan.—France-Presse.

Australian LTA Suggests Benefit Matches For Amateurs

Melbourne, Feb. 2.

The annual conference of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia decided tonight to urge the International Lawn Tennis Federation to fight the inroads of professionalism by establishing "provident funds" for amateurs.

The LTAA also suggested that benefit matches be played for amateurs when they retire from the game.

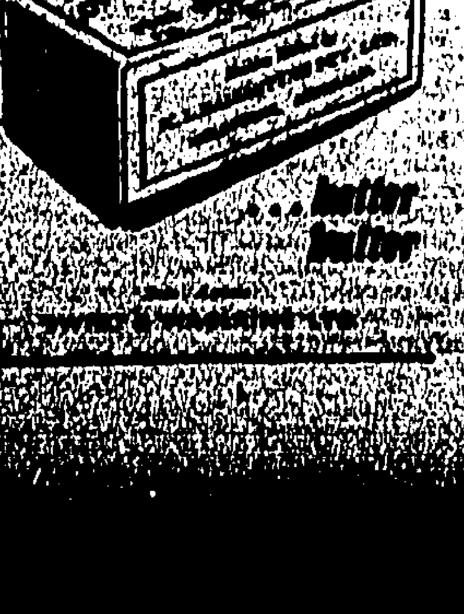
LTAA President Donald Ferguson said he had been authorised to discuss these matters with International Federation officials later this year when he makes a private tour abroad.

He said the LTAA had set up a special committee to investigate professionalism after Jack Kramer very nearly induced Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall to turn pro this year, and did get Rex Hartwig.

"The committee reported that the threat to amateurism is very real unless administrators take such counteracting steps as the provident fund and benefit matches," said Ferguson.

"We feel there is an obligation on us to look after amateurs who render outstanding services to tennis."

The conference voted overwhelmingly against "open" tournaments, claiming that only the professionals want such competition.—United Press.



THREE PETERS IN CLASSIC HALF MILE RACE AT POKFULAM TOMORROW

Tomorrow afternoon the Hongkong University Athletic Club will be holding its Annual Inter-Faculty Athletic Match and a special attraction on the programme will be an Invitational Half Mile Race which will in effect be an attempt on the Colony record of 2 minutes 1.4 seconds held by Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regiment.

Keith Burch is unable to run himself, but the field will still be the fastest ever assembled in this Colony for this event. Acceptances are 2/Lt. Peter Boorman of 173 Loc. Bty., RA, and the HKAAC, J/T Peter Randles of RAF Little Sai Wan, Lee Shu-chung of the SCAA, LAC Keith Martin of RAF Mount Davis, Leung Kam-po of the SCAA, Lt. Peter Alderton of the Essex Regiment and Chan Hung-man of the SCAA.

Alderton and Chan are better known as distance runners, but are not incapable of a fast half mile. Boorman is the current Novices' Champion, Randles the winner of the Mile and Martin the winner of the Half Mile at last October's HKAAA Open Meeting. Lee Shu-chung was runner-up in last year's Colony Championship 800 Metres, Leung Kam-po has been runner-up in the Colony Championship 800 Metres but has in the past two years largely confined himself to the 400 Metres, Alderton is Novices' 1,500 Metres Champion and Chan Hung-man runner-up in the Novices 5,000 Metres Championship.

All the starters, with the possible exception of Alderton and Chan Hung-man, are capable of a Half Mile in under 2 minutes 5 seconds and the race will be worth going all the way to Pokfulam to see, though, of course, it may be over in under two minutes.

Chris Docherty of the Royal Navy has also been invited to run in this race and probably will if his ship is in port.

Stopwatches are being sent to Pokfulam on Saturday from all over the Colony and volunteer timekeepers are very welcome as it is hoped to time every runner and possibly the leader at the 800-metre mark.

The race will be run at 4 p.m. sharp and those taking part are asked to be on the ground by 3.30 p.m.

LADIES' LONG JUMP

There will also be an Open Ladies' Long Lump after 4 p.m. which will star Fong Sik, Ng Sit-kwai and Chung Po-ling of the SCAA, Julia Tingay of the HKAAC and Sarada Nair of the HKUAC. This is not the limit of the field and any girl in the Colony capable of clearing 14 feet is welcome to take part.

It is not improbable that Fong Sik or Ng Sit-kwai will break Rita Hall's Colony record of 16 feet 6 inches, but it is unlikely. Both these SCAA girls should, however, go over 16 feet. Six jumps will be allowed.

Local Soccer League Standings

Local Soccer League standings are as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
First Division							
South China	19	16	1	2	110	30	33
Eastern	17	15	0	2	60	26	30
K M B	15	10	2	3	53	20	22
Sing Tao	16	10	2	4	51	30	22
Kitchee	15	8	2	5	48	30	18
C A A	16	7	2	7	54	40	16
Army	16	7	2	7	39	36	16
Navy	16	6	1	9	40	63	13
St Joseph's	15	6	0	9	30	00	12
R A F	15	0	1	9	34	42	11
Kwong Wah	15	3	2	10	32	51	8
Police	18	2	2	14	33	69	6
Club	15	0	1	14	15	76	1
Second Division							
Kitchee	16	12	4	0	84	13	28
South China	19	13	2	4	97	33	28
K M B	17	12	3	2	00	17	27
Jardines	18	11	5	2	43	20	27
Sing Tao	16	7	3	4	40	10	19
Army	16	7	3	0	50	34	17
Eastern	17	7	3	7	40	32	17
C A A	16	6	5	5	40	30	17
R A F	16	4	4	8	33	42	12
Police	18	4	4	10	30	57	12
Tung Wah	16	1	3	10	15	45	7
St Joseph's	17	2	2	13	17	65	6
Club	16	0	1	15	12	84	1
Third Division							
R A M C	13	9	4	0	61	17	22
C M B	11	9	1	1	38	16	19
Prisons	12	8	2	2	39	17	18
K M B	13	7	2	4	30	26	16
Dockyard	13	6	3	4	30	27	15
Little Saiwan	14	6	5	4	33	33	13
Gymnastics	12	5	3	4	30	26	13
Taikoo	13	5	2	6	28	23	12
R E M E	14	4	4	6	36	32	12
Tramways	13	4	4	5	30	32	12
Solicitors	13	2	3	8	24	40	7
Telephones	14	2	3	9	25	59	7
Dairy Farm	13	0	0	13	10	58	0
Fourth Division							
B & S	14	11	3	0	73	23	25
Road Works	11	9	2	0	43	11	20
R I L	13	8	2	3	32	16	18
Caroline Hill	13	8	1	4	39	22	17
Tamar	12	7	2	3	32	12	16
H K Aircraft	13	7	1	5	34	26	15
Watsons	10	4	2	4	21	20	10
Kln Godowns	12	6	0	7	20	31	10
Hollandia	12	4	1	7	17	30	9
University	12	3	0	9	12	37	6
Dodwells	12	2	1	9	11	47	5
Rediffusion	12	2	0	10	11	51	4
Lane Crawford	10	0	1	9	8	34	1

Tomorrow's Home Soccer Fixtures

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for tomorrow:

First Division

Arsenal	v	Sunderland
Birmingham	v	Charlton
Blackpool	v	Manchester C
Bolton	v	Aston Villa
Chelsea	v	Wolves
Everton	v	Portsmouth
Huddersfield	v	Cardiff
Manchester U	v	Burnley
Newcastle	v	Tottenham
Sheffield	v	Preston
West Brom	v	Luton

Second Division

Blackburn	v	Bristol Rov.
Bristol C	v	Barnsley
Hull	v	Doncaster
Leicester	v	Plymouth
Lincoln	v	Stoke
Middlesbrough	v	Liverpool
Nottingham F.	v	Sheffield
Port Vale	v	Fulham
Rotherham	v	Leeds
Swansea	v	Notts C.
West Ham	v	Bury

Third Division (South)

Brentford	v	Exeter
Coventry	v	Southend
Gillingham	v	Bournemouth
Ipswich	v	Aldershot
Millwall	v	Norwich
Newport	v	Swindon
Reading	v	Colchester
Shrewsbury	v	Crystal
Southampton	v	Brighton
Torquay	v	Queen's P. R.
Walsall	v	Northampton
Watford	v	Leyton

Third Division (North)

Bradford	v	Gateshead
Carlisle	v	Accrington
Chester	v	Barrow
Chesterfield	v	Tranmere
Crewe	v	Scunthorpe
Derby	v	Oldham
Grimsby	v	Darlington
Hartlepools	v	Bradford C.
Mansfield	v	Wrexham
Rochdale	v	Southport
Stockport	v	Halifax
York City	v	Workington

One Change In Pakistan And MCC Teams

Dacca, Feb. 2.

Both Pakistan and the MCC have made one change in their teams for the Second Test, starting tomorrow, from those of the Lahore Test. Wallis Mathias replaces Maqsood in the Pakistan team while Parks comes in for Sainsbury in the MCC side.

The Test is being played on a matting wicket, newly laid. It is as foreign to the home team as the tourists.

The teams are: Pakistan—Kadar, Fazal, Imtiaz, Hanif, Waqar, Alimuddin, Zulfiqar, Khan Mohammed, Wallis Mathias, Wazeer and Shujauddin.

MCC—Carr, Richardson, Close, Parks, Tompkins, Watkins, Moss, Lock, Titmus, Barrington and Stephenson. The umpires will be Idris, Bog and Mobed.—France-Presse.

Ladies' Golf Draw

The following is the draw for the Bronze Championship of the Ladies' Section, of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

Mrs A. C. Villar—Mrs J. F. Shoemaker; Mrs K. M. Almao—Mrs E M. Wiseley; Mrs Van der Touw—Mrs B. R. Barrier; Mrs J. D. Clague—Mrs G. W. Vaughn; Mrs A. W. P. Cox—Mrs H. D. Frantz; Mrs M. C. Weber—Mrs W. C. Hung; Mrs N. P. Downie—Mrs T. A. Pearce; Mrs F. C. B. Black — Mrs N. O. Sprunger.

The first player named in each case is the challenger and she is responsible for arranging the match.

The first round to be played on or before Wednesday, February 15, the second round to be played, by Saturday, February 25, the semi-final by Wednesday, March 7 and the final to be played on or before Wednesday, March 14.

STABLEFORD

The Running Stableford for January (Silver Division) was won by Mrs J. Gray with 36 points. In the Bronze Division Mrs F.C.B. Black and Mrs A. C. Villar tied with 36 points, Mrs Black being declared the winner as she had the best score over the last nine holes.

Colony Shuttle Championships Start In March

The Colony Open Badminton Championships will commence about the middle of March, it was decided at the sixth Executive Committee Meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association held at Marine House yesterday with Dr the Hon A. M. Rodrigues in the Chair.

Entries for the Junior Championships will close on February 29 and for the Senior on March 15. Entry forms can be obtained from respective club representatives. Entries are to be submitted to Mr R. M. Soares, Hon. Championship Secretary, c/o of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Entry fees are as follows.

Men's Singles: $10 per play; Men's Doubles: $15 per pair; Mixed Doubles: $15 per pair.

Ladies' Singles: $8 per player; Ladies' Doubles: $10 per pair. The Schoolboys' Open Championships commence on February 23.

SPORTRAIT

"You're exactly three helpings of Christmas pudding over - weight!"

London Express Service.

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following players have been selected to represent their clubs in sports fixtures over the week-end:

CRICKET

Army South

1st Division (Army) v Recrelo: P. J. Chubb, Major Williams, Capt Withall, Capt Boxall, Lt Crook, Lt Bedson, 2/Lt Carr, 2/Lt Johnson, S/Sgt Kossop, Gnr Yates, Spr Chapman, 12th man: 2/LA Morton, umpire: WO II Barnes, scorer: Mrs Chubb.

2nd Division (Home) v Army South "B": RSM Martin, Lt Chislett, 2/Lt Carruthers, WO II Hulbert, S/Sgt Newns, Sgt Perry, L/Cpl Hyde, L/Cpl Simpson, Cfn Poucher, Gnr Ingham, 12th man: Pte Pollard, umpire: Sgt Gross, Scorer: WO Gill.

Army North

1st Division (Home) v Navy: Major Howard - Dobson, Major French-Blake Capt Richardson, Capt Hamill, Capt Wetherall, Lt Lipscombe, 2/Lt Foster, 2/Lt Thompson, S/Sgt Morris, Tpr Greenhalgh, Tpr Alcoe. 12th Man: Pte Herring.

2nd Division (Away) v KGV: Capt Petty, Major Owen, Capt Brown, 2/Lt Dew, 2/Lt Henson, 2/Lt Grinwade, Sgt Tutt, L/Cpl Beer, L/Cpl Perkins, Tpr Wise, Tpr Mackie. 12th Man: C/Sgt Morris.

Recrelo

1st Division (Home) v Army South: Dr E. L. Gosano (Capt), M. A. d'Almada Remedios, Dr. H. P. L. Ozorio, L. G. Gosano, A. E. Noronha, C. A. Gutierres, A. P. Gutierres, Jr. D. E. d'Almada Remedios, L. J. d'Almada Remedios, A. M. Prata, A. P. Pereira, Jr. Scorer: L. G. d'Almada Remedios

2nd Division (Army) v Army South "B": C. A. Yvanovich (Capt), A. A. Alonco, D. P. Castro, F. L. Correa, C. A. d'Almada Remedios, E. J. Loureiro, L. A. Luz, D. McGrann, G Noronha, M. Souza, R. Nunes.

RAF

1st Division (Away) v KCC: F/L Leslie, F/S Welch, F/O Taylor, Sgt Tayaor, Cpl Birley, Sac Henderson, Sac rower, Cpl Davey, Cpl McGowan, Sac Mason, Lac Tota, 12th Man: Lac Jenkins, Umpire Sgt Robinson, Scorer Mrs Robinson.

2nd Division (Home) v DBS: F/L Taggesell, Sgt Dunn, Cpl Watkins, Cpl Crook, Lac Davies, Cpl Ashby, Cpl Stokes, Cpl Thornton, Lac Haywarth, Cpl Hall, Lac Cook, 12thMan: Lac Winter, Umpire Sac Perry, Scorer Mrs Welch.

KCC "Hornets"

2nd Division (Home) v KCC "Wasps" on Sunday: S. V. Gittins, C. S. Ramage, K. Lo, R. G. Heron, A. T. Lee, J. Marshall, N. Hart Baker, A. J. Catley, G. Webster, L. G. Daily, N. Oei, 12th Man: L. Lott, Scorer Mrs Catley, Umpire L. P. Quincey.

Press And Radio

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Press and Radio team versus the "Chopsticks" in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo on Sunday commencing at 11 a.m.: P. Chubb, G. Crook, C. J. B. Loader, G. T. Rowe, J. Wallace, S. K. Khan, C. Myatt, A. Myatt, P. Plumbly, J. C. Koh, J. Pakenham-Walsh.

Wayfoong

The following have been chosen to represent The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the annual Hong Match against Dodwells on Sunday February 5, at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground at 11.15 a.m.: Bromhead, M. J., Hall, C. W. D., Lever, S. F. T. B., A. P. Fuzzey Nelson, R. E. H. (Capt), Pridham, M. J. Purves, W. Rice, K. G., Stone, M. G., Tait, J. F. G., Thomson, I. H. G. 12th Man: Brockman, J. G., Umpire Marshall, F.

Optimists

1st Division (Home) vs Police at 1.30 p.m.:—

L. D. Kilbee, G. M. B. Salmon, C. J. B. Leader, G. T. Rowe, G. H. P. Pritchard, R. M. Macpherson, N. Leigh Bennett, A. Harvey, A. Malden, A. Perry, R. Hughes.

12th Man: R. C. Eltringham. Scorer—R. McAdam. Umpire—P. J. Hart.

IRC

1st XI (Home) vs. CCC, Sookunpoo, A. R. Abbas, C. Myatt, A. Myatt, S. H. Khan, K. Nazarin, A. M. Wahab, Jr., Ali Khan, Ador Rumjahn, R. Arculli, Ram Lalchandani, L. G. Ebert: Scorer: Osman Ramjahn; Umpire: To be supplied by the League.

2nd XI vs. Dockyard (Navy Ground), S. E. M. Bux (Capt.), Osman Adem, L. Kitchell, A. Rashid Abbas, Sydney Raymond, George Raymond, R. A. Bux, Sherry Bucha, S. Apoo, S. Adam, Khan A. B. Ramjahn. Reserves: A. R. bin Kitchel, M. M. Samy, Scorer: Victor Abbas, Umpire: K. M. Omar.

"Chopsticks"

"Chopsticks" XI to play combined Press and Radio team on Sunday at Sookunpoo commencing at 11 a.m.: Maj Howard-Dobson, (Capt), Maj. Owen, LA/Cmdr Taylor, F/Lt Le Courtier, Lt/Wells, Lt. Lipscombe, S/Lt Thompson, 2/Lt Dew, 2/Lt Foster, Mid. Patterson, Mid Sharpe.

FOOTBALL

HKFC

2nd Division v RAF at Boundary Street at 3 p.m. tomorrow: Bachmann, Moth, Reynolds, Coyne, Phillips, Treowell, Beadle, Douglas, McCall, Tomlinson, Miller. Reserve: Blowers.

NEW ZEALAND 47 FOR FOUR

Dunedin, Feb. 3.

New Zealand scored 47 for the loss of four wickets against the West Indies by lunch when the first test opened today.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Another Big Week For Australian Swimmers; 90 Records Slashed

By JACK TALBOT

Sydney (NSW).

It has been another big week for Australian swimmers.

Ninety records were smashed during the seven nights of the New South Wales Men's and Women's Swimming Championships at North Sydney Olympic Pool that ended on January 21.

The swimmers set four new world, 39 new Australian and 47 new State records. In Sydney on January 16 Murray Rose and Murray Garretty each broke the Australian 880 yards and 800 metres records. In Melbourne on January 17 a 14-year-old Victorian girl, Faith Leech, swam the fastest 110 yards ever by a woman in Australia.

Next day, in Sydney, Murray Rose smashed the world record for 880 yards free style by 3.2 sec. Also in Sydney, on January 19, Garretty broke the Australian 1,650 yards record by 10.6 sec. On January 21, Garretty cut another 12 secs. off the Australian 1,650 yards record and smashed both the Olympic and Australian records for 1,500 metres.

When Rose and Garretty each broke the Australian 880 yards and 800 metres records they were competing in heats of the New South Wales 880 yards Championship at North Sydney Olympic Pool.

INSPIRED SWIM

Garretty clocked 9m 44. 8 sec. in an inspired swim to break the 880 yards record set by Rose in the previous heat. His 9m 42 sec. for the 880 metres also broke Rose's time.

The crowd of 1,200 gave Rose a tremendous ovation when he smashed his own records in this heat. His times were 9m 48.3 sec. for the 880 yards and 8m 45.2 sec. for the 800 metres. Then the crowd was stunned when Garretty delivered such a brilliant performance immediately after Rose. Garretty swam the first 440 yards in 4m 44 sec. — 3 sec. faster than Rose.

When the pair met in the final on January 16, Rose swam with such brilliance that he clipped 3.2 sec. off the World record for the 880 yards. His world record-making time was 9m 34.8 sec. In the same swim Rose failed by only 0.7 sec. to break American Fred Konno's world record time of 9m 30.7 sec. for the 800 metres.

Garretty finished second to Rose, and the then Australian 1,650 yards Champion, Gary Winram, third.

Australian swimmer John Marshall previously held the world 880 yards record with a time of 9m 37.5 sec. He and Rose are the only Australian men swimmers to set a world record since the Second World War.

Rose, who swam brilliantly and judged his pace perfectly, trailed a yard behind Garretty until the ninth lap. At the 550 yards mark he took a slight lead which he gradually increased.

Just as Rose struck out for the final 110 yards, his time for the 770 yards was announced as 8m 23.4 sec. The crowd of 3,000 jumped to its feet and cheered Rose on the last stages. The applause was deafening over the last 55 yards as Rose was obviously putting everything he had into his effort.

OLYMPIC PROSPECTS

Rose's World record was the fourth set in Sydney in eleven days. The three previous World records were set by dual Empire Games Champion Lorraine Crapp.

After the event, the secretary of the Australian Swimming Union, Mr W. Berge Phillips, said Rose's swim increased Australia's Olympic Games prospects.

"The value of Rose's swim is realised," he said, "by anyone who studies the results of the last American Championships. With top-class American and Japanese swimmers competing, the best time recorded was 9m 43 sec.

Rose's coach, Sam Herford, was jubilant. Rose would improve all his times in the Australian Championships in Sydney in February, he said.

Rose's great swim considerably lowered the Australian records for the 880 yards and 800 metres. He broke the Australian 800 metres record by 10.6s and the 880 yards record by 10.6 sec. Garretty had set these records in winning his heat on January 16.

In finishing second to Rose in the final—10 yards behind—Garretty also broke the Australian 880 yards record. His time of 9m 42.6 sec. was 2 sec. faster than his heat time.

Also at the New South Wales finals, 20-year-old Terry Gathercole broke the Australian record for the 220 yards breaststroke by 3.6 sec. His time was 2m 44.3 sec. which, on 1955 performances, placed him in the World's first ten. The best time in America in 1955 was Bob Mattison's 2m 46.8 sec. for the 200 metres. But Gathercole still needs a great deal of concentrated training to get into the same class as top Japanese swimmers, one of whom, M. Furukawa, set the World record for 200 metres at 2m 33.7 sec.

As well as winning the State title and breaking the Australian record with his swim, Gathercole also broke the Australian 110yards record which had stood at 1 m 21 sec. set by R. Powell (Victoria) in 1945. Gathercole swam half the distance of his race in 1m 19.4sec.

Fifteen-year-old Brian Elliott, of Sydney, won two State championships in 11 minutes. He won the 440yards junior free style in 4m 49.9 sec. and five minutes later the junior 110 yards butterfly in 1m 14.5sec.

MORE RECORDS GO

When the State Championships continued at North Sydney Olympic Pool the following night, Garetty broke the Australian 1,650 yards record by 10.6 sec. He won his heat by 30 yards in 18m 48.3sec. The previous record of 18m 58.9sec. was set by Gary Winram, of Sydney, at last year's State Championships.

Winram easily won his heat on January 19 in 19m 35.8sec.—47.4sec. slower than Garretty. But he swam easily and obviously could have moved faster if extended.

Garretty had trained for the seven weeks before the Championships with Harry Gallagher in Adelaide (South Australia). Swimming in a 33-1/3 yards pool he recorded 18m 10.9sec. for the 1,500 metres, 18m 19sec. for the 1,650 yards, and 19m 35sec. for the mile. The length of the pool prevented his times from being recognised as World records.

Empire Games Champion Gary Chapman swam the fastest time of his career to win a heat of the 110 yards free style. His time was 57.2sec—0.9sec. outside Jon Henricks' Australian record.

Coach Frank Guthrie said that Chapman's time was the second fastest ever in Australia and the fourth fastest in the World in the last 12 months.

On the final night of the New South Wales Championships at North Sydney Olympic Pool on January 21 Murray Garretty again broke the Australian 1,500 metres and 1,650 yards records.

His time for the 1,500 metres, 18m 29.7 sc. beat the Olympic record by 0.3sec. and the Australian by 18.6sec. He swam the full 1,650 yards in 18m 36.3sec., breaking his own Australian record for this event, set only two days earlier, by 12sec.

Garretty's time for the 1,500 metres was the second fastest recorded in the world since 1953. Former Japanese Champion Ohno has set 18m 29.4sec. for the 1,500 metres since 1953.

Garretty set his times in winning the New South Wales State title for the 1,650 yards in which he beat Garry Zevenboom, of Wagga (New South Wales), by 25 yards, with previous titleholder Gary Winram third.

The race was all Garretty's way from beginning to end. At the 440 mark he was several yards ahead of Zevenboom and Winram. He progressively increased his lead right to the end. When the timekeepers announced his time with only 110 yards to go, the crowd of 3,500 began to roar its applause. The ovation continued for several minutes.

In his two swims during the Championships Garretty has taken 29.2sec. off the Australian 1,500 metres record and 22.6sec. off the 1,650 yards record.

After the swim Garretty said he would leave for Adelaide next day to resume his training under former Sydney coach Harry Gallagher. He added that he believed he would be able to reduce his 1,500 metres time to 18m 20sec. for the Australian Championships in Sydney in February.

Gary Chapman swam magnificently to win the 110yards in 56.6sec—only 0.3sec. outside Jon Henricks' Australian record. Chapman's effort was the second fastest time for the event ever swum in Australia.

A 14-year-old Victorian schoolgirl, Faith Leech, of Bendigo, swam the fastest 110 yards ever by a woman in Australia at the Melbourne Olympic Pool on January 17.

During a raging thunderstorm Faith clocked 65 sec.—2/10sec. better than Sydney star Lorraine Crapp's new Australian unofficial record and only 4/10sec. outside the record World time of Willy Den Ouden, of Holland.

Miss Den Ouden's record was set in a 25 metres pool in 1936 while Faith swam in a 55 yards pool where she did not have the advantage of the extra turns.

CAS Charity Basketball Evening

A very entertaining programme has been finalised by the CAS Sports Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr Kwan Man-wai, in aid of the Society for the Blind, the Children's Playground Association and the CAS Amenities Fund at the Southorn Basketball Stadium on Friday, February 17, commencing at 7 p.m.

The following teams will represent The Civil Aid Services and The Social Welfare Office:—

Ladies' Team

(Social Welfare Office)

Miss Hendrietta Chung, Rebecca Lee, Chow Sik Wan, Angel Shen, Chu Kam Ha, Lo Suk Fong, Irene Hoo, Annie Chan, Cheung Shue Fong, Nancy Chow, Cynthia Leung.

Men's Team

Mr H. D. Miller, Stephen Ho, Cheung Chi Chi, Lee Siu Kwong, Mosa, Law Chi Kin, Lau Shing Yip, Heung Wai Ming, Law Hay Ping, Lau Hing To, Vincent Wai.

Officers' Team

(Civil Aid Services)

Mr R. H. Lobo, L. P. Kwok, To Liu, N. Leonard, A. E. M. Raffek, Solomon Rafeek, Chung Kam Chuen, Poon Yiu Kwan, Ho Hin Chee, Lee Wai Tong.

Men's Team

Mr Wong Hing Wah, Pak Chi Wing, Ng Yiu Tong, Yu Piu Lam, Chan Yat Chin, Tai Chun Wan, Chan Wa Chee, Chan Wa Tsam, Au Kwok Ming, Lee Heung Chin, Tam Koo Kin, Chang Kam Foo.

Ladies' Team

Miss Yip Mo Ching, Lee Bik Lo, Fung Mei Mee, Fung Suet Kwan, Wong Lai Sheung, Chiu Yuet Ngan, Chan Ngan Ching, Leung Wei Lan, Ho Lai Chun, Yu Siu Har, Mak Mei You, Tung Chiu Woon.

By kind permission of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Band, under the directorship of Mr W. B. Foster, ARCM, will render musical selections.

Pascual Perez Confirms Solomons' $30,000 Offer

Buenos Aires, Feb. 2.

Lazaro Koci, manager of the World Flyweight Champion, Pascual Perez, confirmed he had received an offer of $30,000 from Jack Solomons for a title bout between Perez and Welshman Dai Dower next June, but added he had other "interesting propositions" and has not made up his mind.

Koci said Perez will fight in Santiago, Chile, on February 24, facing Chilean German Pardo in a non-title bout, and added he was studying some offers from the Filipino managers, C. Lopez Arreal and A. Garcia. He said Lopez Arreal wants a title bout, for Danny Kid in Manila or California, while Garcia also desires a title bout in Manila against Tanny Campos.

He revealed that the Argentine colony in Mexico has offered a good proposition for an official title fight between Perez and Memo Diaz, Mexican and American Flyweight Champion.

Kid admitted nothing has been decided so far, but said thing is a good chance of Perez defending his crown outside Argentina.—United Press.

TABLE TENNIS

British Girl Wins French Singles Title

Paris, Feb. 2.

Miss Ann Haydon, aged 17 of Britain, won the Women's Singles title in the French International Table Tennis Championships here tonight when she beat Mrs Linda Wertl-Rumpler of Austria 21-8, 21-9, 21-15.

Miss Haydon also took the junior girls title tonight, beating Miss Ingo Muser, of West Germany, 21-10, 21-8, 21-14.

Results of the other finals were:

Women's Doubles: Mrs Rosalind Cornett and Miss Diane Rowe (Britain) beat Miss Haydon and Mrs Wertl-Rumpler 21-10, 21-15, 21-16.

Men's Singles Final: Vladislav Stipek (Czechoslovakia) beat Joseph Vogrinc (Yugoslavia) 21-15, 9-21, 21-14, 21-11.

Mixed Doubles Final: Stipek and Mrs Cornett beat Ivan Andreadis (Czechoslovakia) and Miss Haydon 16-21, 17-21, 21-14, 20-24, 21-19. — China Mail Special.

SWORD CLUB DEFEAT RAF IN FENCING MATCH

In a fencing match held at the European YMCA yesterday, the Hongkong Sword Club defeated the Royal Air Force by 22 wins to 4.

The RAF are a greatly improved team and the final score does not give a true picture of the fight. This match produced some of the finest fencing seen in the Colony this year.

Foil

Sword Club: Grosse-Hodge 3 wins; Ozorio 2 wins; Reid 2 wins.
RAF: Carter 0 wins; Ardy 2 wins; Willett 0 wins.

Sabre

Sword Club: Ozorio 3 wins; Marcal 2 wins; Reid 3 wins.
RAF: Ardy 2 wins; Lyon 0 wins; Davis 1 wins.

Epee

Sword Club: Marcal 2 wins; Pfaff 2 wins; Grosse-Hodge 3 wins.
RAF: Carter 1 win; Lyon 0 wins; Ardy 0 wins.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup 4th February, 1956.

The following numbers on the above Sweep have been taken in a subscription list exhibited at the Club House, Happy Valley, in the name of a person who is not a member of the Club and who cannot be identified.

The Stewards have exercised their rights under Rule 3, of the Rules for Special Cash Sweeps, by removing the subscriber's name from the list and the numbers concerned will not now be drawn.

Nos. 185341 to 185350 inclusive.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1956.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 7th Race Meeting 1955/56 to be held on Saturday, 18th and Saturday, 25th February, 1956, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Wednesday, 8th February, 1956.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SIXTH (ANNUAL) RACE MEETING

Saturday, 28th January, Wednesday 1st & Saturday, 4th February, 1956.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon each day.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at $10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be $3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Enclosure.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep tickets, therefore, at $20 each per day or $60 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguilar Street during normal office-hours until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 27th January will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th February 1956, at $2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382, Nathan Road.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc, will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.
5, D'Aguilar Street at 5.00 p.m.
Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 10.15 a.m. on Saturday, 4th February, 1956.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1956, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1955, and for the election of Directors and fixing their remuneration and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March to Friday, the 16th of March, 1956, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th Jan., 1956.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Hongkong, February 3, 1956.

Why Old University Lecturer Fled To West

By Gary Levy

Berlin, Feb. 2.

What makes a 52-year-old University lecturer, suffering from heart disease, married and father of two children, leave his £2,000 sterling a year job and comfortable home in East Germany for the uncertainty of a refugee camp in West Berlin?

What makes him risk poverty and unemployment?

Dr Johannes Herdegen, Lecturer in Economics at Halle University, did just that.

The risk of unemployment was all the greater for him because he was an East German parliamentary deputy, which would minimise his chances of being "recognised" and thus gaining priority in employment.

Public Service

Dr Herdegen's own answer, which he gave to me in an interview, is: "I could not stand the moral pressure any longer. I could not go on saying one thing in public and thinking the opposite."

Dr Herdegen is a man who loves public service and has a fine record in it. In 1947, when he returned to his home town of Jena, in Thuringia, from a Soviet prison camp, the citizens elected him burgomaster in what turned out to be the last truly free election there.

For five of the worst years known in Germany for decades, Dr Herdegen begged, wheedled and forced the authorities to give his city enough food and fuel at a time when people elsewhere starved and froze to death.

Sign Papers

In 1952, the Communist party, well in the minority on the City Council, began to impose its edicts on the city administration.

Dr Herdegen, an active member of the Liberal Democratic party, resisted as best he could until one day he was told to sign a sheaf of orders confiscating certain private property. This was necessary, he was told, because "we must increase the people's-owned sector of the economy." He declined, and resigned his job.

Disappointed and frustrated, he moved to Halle, a big industrial city, to take up a post as University Lecturer in economics.

The University was run by a Communist Rector, and its 52 lecturers included only nine who were not Communists.

Dr Herdegen was in trouble from the start because he could not, even if he wished, teach in the Marxist manner. "I did not even know the Marxist vocabulary properly," he says.

The result was that his teaching was constantly criticised.

At first, criticism came from his Communist pupils who complained to the leaders of their youth movement. They in turn attacked him sharply from the public platform of a youth congress.

Recognised

Next, the Communist Party took it up. At the party congress last October, the Halle secretary demanded "stringent measures" against Dr Herdegen because of his "un-Marxist teaching."

The result of these attacks was first the loss of a visiting lectureship at Jena University and later the cancellation of a series of lectures at Halle on the history of budgetary finance.

Worse still, Dr Herdegen had joined a crowd of anti-Communist demonstrators who stormed the Communist Party headquarters at Jena on June 17, 1953.

He thought at the time that no one had recognised him, but his Rector informed him more than two years later that he had been reported.

In the summer of 1954, he received a letter from Dr Johannes Dieckmann, vice-chairman of his party and president of the East German Parliament (Volkskammer), saying that the party had chosen him as a Volkskammer candidate for the election in October. He replied declining the candidature on the grounds of ill-health and over-work.

Back came a letter from Dr Dieckmann, however, saying that his objections had been noted, but that it had been "decided unanimously" nevertheless to put him up. Refusal then would have been tantamount to "national betrayal."

Next, he was "elected" to the national council of the "National Front", a Communist-dominated body. "I was not even told about my candidature this time, and I read of my election in the newspaper one morning," he says.

Subjected to increasing pressure from all sides, Dr Herdegen pinned his hopes on the two 4-Power conferences in Geneva. "When they failed," he explains, "I made up my mind to go, if only for the sake of my 20-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter."

Brought Savings

He and his family arrived in West Berlin carrying two small suitcases and an umbrella. He left behind all his other belongings and a well furnished, five-and-a-half room flat.

He brought his savings with him—in East Marks, which he must change here at the rate of almost five East Marks to one West Mark. Small wonder that he is staying in a primitive refugee camp at public cost, eating from tin plates and sleeping with his family in two-tier bunks in a room barely as big as his pantry at home.—China Mail Special.

SUPPLY DEPOT OF NEW AMERICAN WIND TUNNEL

A new wind-tunnel built to test planes of the US Air Force draws its air supply from this 720 ft steel tank, which holds compressed air up to a pressure of 4,000 lbs per square inch. When a valve is opened in the air storage bottle, the air blows down through the tunnel test section in the small building in centre background and into the steel vacuum sphere, left, which can be evacuated down to 1/50th of an atmosphere. This arrangement can be varied by the evacuation of the sphere and the compression of air in storage bottles to achieve speeds from approximately 1,000 mph to 4,000 mph at sea level.—Express Photo.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3
By Air

Formosa, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Indo-China, 4 p.m.
Japan, Hawaii, 4 p.m.
Formosa, Canada, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
By Air

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 11 a.m.
Indo-China, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Gt. Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Jamaica, 4 p.m.
Italy, France, 4 p.m.
Formosa, 4 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
By Air

Formosa, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6
By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
N. Borneo, Rabaul, Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Thailand, 2 p.m.
Korea, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
North Borneo, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Malaya, Burma, India, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

NEW LAW PROTECTS CAMEMBERT

Paris, Feb. 2.

A new French law protects the makers of branded cheese from the fraudulent use of their "pedigree" names.

In future all cheeses bearing well-known names, such as Brie, Camembert and Roquefort, "must come from milk produced, delivered and processed in a traditional geographic area, according to consistent, faithful and local usage," the law says.

A special committee will watch over the application of the law.—China Mail Special.

RUMOURS OF GENERAL ELECTION IN CANADA

Ottawa, Feb. 2.

As the Canadian Parliament went into session in mid-January, the country was booming economically and forecasts were for a continuance of great activity throughout the year ahead, with even some lessening of Canada's great sore spot—unsold wheat.

It was therefore natural that there should be widespread rumours of an impending general election in the Dominion, since governments prefer to go to the electorate when times are good.

But other factors are involved. It is now clear that, if possible, the Liberal Party plans to go into the next election under the same leadership as at present. Mr Louis Stephen St Laurent, the Prime Minister, was 74 years of age on February 1, while his chief lieutenant, the Trade Minister, Mr C.D. Howe, celebrated his 70th birthday as Parliament opened.

Conservatives Elected

The present government was returned to power in August 1953, and could remain in office legally until 1958. But few governments choose to stay to the bitter end and normally a federal election might be expected next year.

Those who reject the election rumours point not only to the unsold wheat but to the recent trend of by-elections, in which Conservatives have been elected or have greatly improved their vote.

The most startling Liberal reverse occurred in the "safe" constituency of Toronto, Spadina, long held by Mr David Croll, who was recently "elevated" to the Senate.

Amid general astonishment, Mr Charles Rae, Progressive Conservative scored a decisive upset.

As usual in a by-election, local factors were important but more far reaching considerations were also involved.

The strong Jewish community of Toronto appeared displeased that their leading figure, Mr Croll, had been moved into the Senate, instead of being appointed to the Cabinet to which, they felt, his qualifications eminently entitled him.

But far beyond Spadina there is resentment that the great metropolitan area of Toronto has long been without representation in the Federal Government, while the rival metropolitan centre of Montreal has both a French-speaking member of the Cabinet, Mr Roche Pinard, and an English-speaking one, Mr George Marler.

More broadly still, the Progressive Conservatives in Parliament are more united than they have been at any time since the end of World War II.

Mr George Drew, leader of the Opposition, is enjoying a period of unquestioned authority since his triumph over the government in the last session when he forced it to modify its tenure of emergency powers in peace time.

No Chance

Among other considerations tending to hold back the election are two heavy items of unfinished business confronting the government. These include natural gas pipeline legislation and a new taxation agreement with the provinces.

The Federal government has undertaken to set up a Crown company, jointly owned with Ontario, to construct the economically unproductive section of the trans-Canada pipeline from Winnipeg across the pre-Cambrian rocks of the Canadian Shield to Kapuskasing, Ontario.

The trans-Canada company has been given until May 1 to demonstrate that it has arranged for the finances to carry the whole operation through.

This, however, cannot be done under present plans until the American Federal Power Commission in Washington has given a ruling on the permissibility of importing Canadian natural gas to the United States middle west through Emerson, Manitoba.

Rent Out

There is virtually no chance of a ruling by Washington in time to permit arrangements for financing to be made by the spring.

The tax agreements are a subject near to the heart of the St Laurent government.

The present arrangement, whereby nine provinces "rent out" to the Dominion their admitted right to enter the field of direct taxation, such as income tax, expire in 1957.

Mr St Laurent is anxious to make a new arrangement which will be acceptable to all ten provinces, including his native Quebec which has hitherto held out.

At a federal-provincial conference in the autumn, the Ottawa government put forward new proposals, more acceptable to Quebec but not wholly satisfactory to other provinces.

These are being re-shaped in the hope that a complete agreement can be reached.

The general idea is to avoid double taxation upon the Canadian taxpayer, as far as possible, and even more importantly to provide the poorer provinces with stable sources of revenue which will place them more nearly on a footing with the richer ones, in supplying services such as education, medical care and roads.

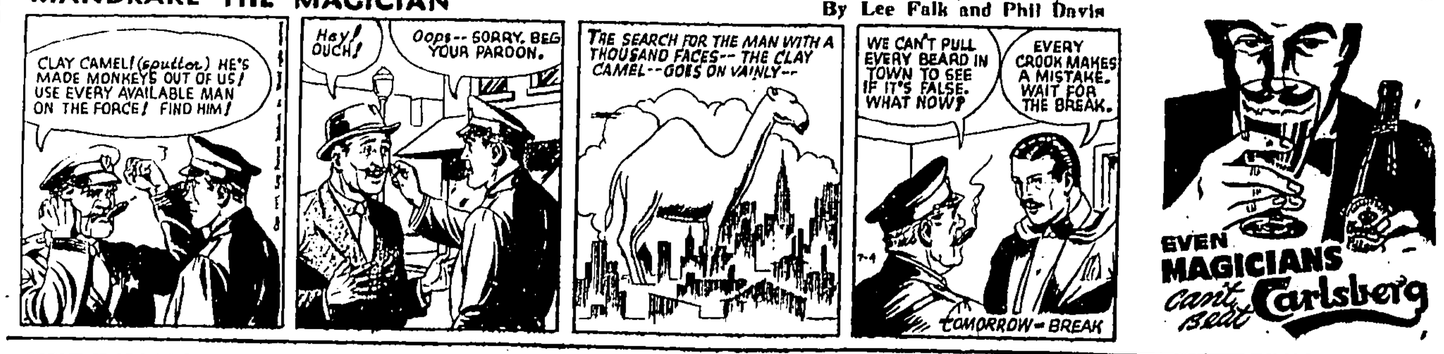
Slightly Against

In any event, with the half-way mark passed between federal elections, 1956 is bound to be a year of great political activity.

While the balance of considerations appears to be slightly against the holding of an election this year, one eventually might tip the scales the other way if the Opposition parties, particularly the Conservative Official Opposition, should present the Government with a favourable election issue. The Liberals would undoubtedly appeal to the country, while the going is good.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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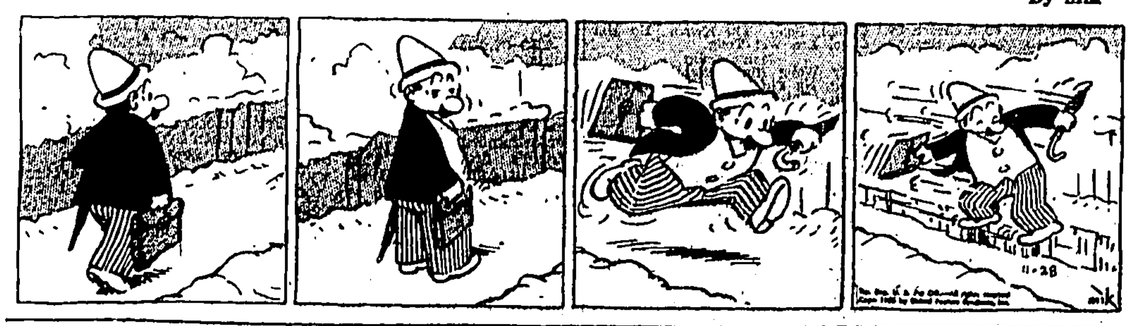

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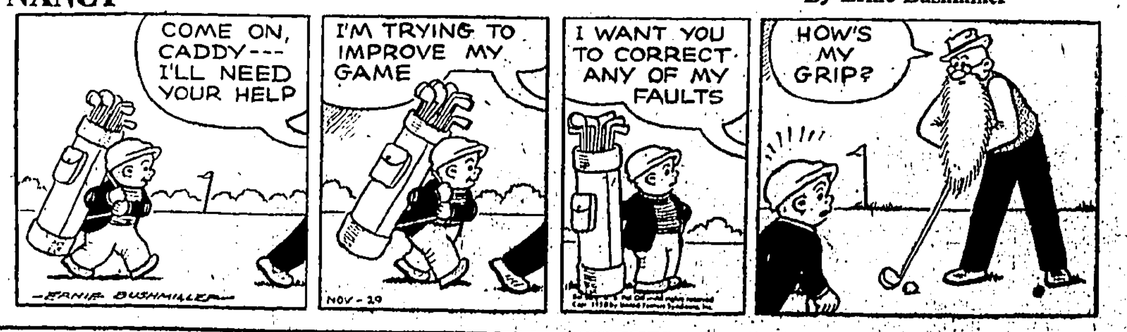

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

A MORE LIVELY SHARE MARKET

Star Bonus Stimulates Demand

CHINA LIGHT ACTIVE ON RUMOURS OF CALL

By A Special Correspondent

The Hongkong share market had its most active week for more than two months when a surprise announcement of a $2 cash bonus plus an unchanged $5.50 final dividend by Star Ferry touched off a small buying spree last Friday. As a result, total turnover for the week was $5.24 million.

The daily turnover on Friday shot up from $710,000 to $1,420,000. The improvement continued on Monday with share prices rising to their highest level of the week and the turnover climbing to $1,700,000.

The rise was not maintained, however. Sellers appeared in the afternoon and prices began to slip back. On Tuesday the market was inclined to be weak and there was little interest again on Wednesday in the short morning's trading.

Yesterday, however, the market again livened up and although turnover did not reach the million mark there was brisk trading in both Light shares, Telephones and, to a lesser extent, Trams.

Lights partly paid at one stage were up $2 on the day but they could not hold the rise and closed $1.40 up at $18.60. More than 11,000 partly paid and 3,600 fully paid shares changed hands during the day on the rumour that the company was going to call up the remaining $2 on the two million $3 partly paids.

Bonus Issue, Too?

There were reports circulating that the company itself intended to pay the call. There was also a belief current that the company would make a bonus issue of one in nine at $5 par to holders of the fully paid shares. The company would then have 10 million fully paid shares and the issued capital would be $50 million (now $42 million).

Brokers stressed, however, that this report was supposition and there were no solid grounds for believing that these were the company's actual proposals.

Friday's and Monday's activity, however, does tend to prove the point that brokers have made frequently in this column that, given a spur, the market will move and interest will develop. This is, of course, true of any share market. But with trading rather strictly confined by last year's credit restrictions, there was a belief taking root that the business ceiling was around $4.5 million a week and the feeling was also growing that the market would not break out of it until restrictions were eased.

It is doubtful whether this week's trading represents the maximum activity. Given the encouragement I think, even with the credit squeeze, the market could reach $7 or $8 million a week but I doubt whether it would be sustained for very long.

This week the improvement lasted just over a day. Then profit-takers appeared and there was no further activity until rumours began circulating about the China Light call yesterday.

Trams Dividend

The talk in the market is that Trams may be the next to announce an increase in dividend. In 1953, the company paid a 60-cent interim and $1.80 final making $2.40 for the year. In 1954 it made a bonus issue of one for two increasing capital from $9,750,000 to $14,625,000. Their dividends in that year were 40 cents interim and $1.30 final making $1.70 for the year. For the 1955 financial year they have paid a 40 cents interim already and the market talk is that the final may be $1.40 or $1.50 a share, making the total $1.80 or $1.90.

Brokers believe the company will try in the next few years to restore the dividend to its pre-bonus issue level. This share, as I said last week, was one of the five I favoured at the moment.

Trams yesterday sold at $25, up 60 cents on the week and up 30 cents since Monday.

All the utilities have done well this week.

Star Ferries, on the announcement of the cash bonus (by the way they are paying a $9 unchanged dividend for the year as well), close the week up $7. Yaumati rose $2 to $105, but they sold at $100 earlier yesterday and on Monday.

Electrics and Telephones closed the week 50 cents better.

Cement Profit

Cements moved up $1 to $37¾. This share has been doing extremely well lately. Men who claim to be in close touch with the company tell me that profit may be as high as $5 million for last year. In 1953, profit was $1,279,143 and in 1954, it jumped to $3,530,335. That year the company raised its dividend by 50 cents to $2.50 and paid a $1.50 bonus as well. This absorbed $2,400,000 against $1,200,000 the previous year.

If the profit is $5 million it would tempting to hope that a further increase in the dividend or the bonus is possible, but it would be rather risky to predict this on the information so far available and without knowing what other commitments the company has. It is one worth watching, however.

I said last week that two new flotations were expected on the market. I learn now that the proposal to float Oriental Mortgage and Finance Corporation Ltd (a subsidiary of Hongkong Realty) as a public company has been abandoned. The money will be raised instead by the issue of 2 million new Realty shares in the proportion of one for two at par ($1).

Hongkong Realty holds 95 per cent of the shares of Oriental Mortgage.

Wheelocks Move Up

Wheelocks moved up to $8.65 this week (up 25 cents) and at one stage were up 35 cents. You will recall that at the company's annual meeting, the Chairman Mr G. E. Marden mentioned that "discussions were proceeding with important insurance interests with the objects of acquiring a substantial part" of Wheelock's holding in the Dominion Insurance Company Ltd. Wheelocks hold 95 per cent of the shares.

The arrival of Lord Glenconnor, Chairman of Northern Assurance Company Ltd, from London for "a short business and pleasure trip" on Monday touched off speculation that his visit might be connected with the Dominion Insurance negotiations, but Mr Marden said yesterday "negotiations are still proceeding".

Brokers offer other reasons for the rise. One said "certain people" were buying Wheelock shares, which was probably meant to be significant, but not knowing who the "certain people" were and as the broker himself was naturally reluctant to tell me, I'm afraid I'm none the wiser.

Banks Sluggish

Let's take a look at the rest of the market. Hongkong Banks have been rather sluggish this week and took no part in Monday's frivolity. In fact they got rather depressed over it all and dropped down to $1740. They firmed towards the end of the week, however, and closed steady.

Unions kept a little lower, too, and closed $5 down on a buyers' bid of $990. Union Insurance was only one of five shares marked down on the week. Six shares were steady and 18 were higher than last Thursday's closing rates.

Another "down" share this week was Hongkong and Far Eastern Investment which closed 10 cents off last week's price of $11.60. Dairy Farm and A. S. Watson shed 30 cents each.

In the wharf section, Wharves, Docks and Providents all made gains this week, but Providents could not maintain their rise and slipped back to a steady rate of $15.20 buyers. On Monday they rose to a peak of $15.50.

In the land section, Hotels and Lands were both slightly better but Humphreys seem to be happy at $19.70 nominal and again did not move. Realty is, of course, up seven and a half cents on the new issue news.

Trade Prospects

This completes a much more interesting week—but don't be surprised to see the dullness return next week. Brokers are talking of a pick-up in March and April in the dividend season and this will boost share levels slightly but at the same time clip yields. If it is possible to predict a continuation of the fairly tight money conditions, then the market will probably stagnate again in the summer.

The Washington communique does not bring much cheer to this Colony. The trade embargo is not expected to be modified significantly though, if Sino-American relations improve during the year, freer trade may be permitted. But the outlook is not very encouraging at present.

The Colony seems to be doing quite well with trade within the limits of the embargo, however, and as long as industrial development continues, the figures should improve.

Consistent Rise

There has been another very pleasing increase in trade in January, a month in which a downturn generally takes place. Provisional figures for last month show that both imports and exports increased, imports by about $35.6 million and exports by $5.7 million.

At the end of last year trade was at its highest point since the middle of 1953. This followed a steady increase in the value of imports and exports since last July. This means that the value of trade has shown a consistent rise for the last six months and for the first time in at least three years trade has risen in January.

This is a very promising start to the new year, but I think the figures for the first quarter should give some idea of the general level of trade to be expected this year.

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26	Jan 30	Feb 2	Up or down
HK Bank	1780	1765	1750n	1745	1750	steady
Lombard	57	57b	57	56b	56b	—$1
Union	990	995	995	995	990b	—$5
Underwriters	9.40n	9.40n	9.40n	9.40n	9.40n	steady
Union W'boat	23.40b	24n	24b	24½b	24½b	+50c
Wheelock	8.80	8.40	8.40	8.70	8.65	+25c
HK Wharf	70	68b	70	70½b	70½b	+50c
HK Dock	33¾	33¼	33½	33½	33b	+50c
Provident	15.20b	15.10b	15.30	15.40	15.20b	steady
HK Hotels	17.20	17.30	17.20b	17.40	17.40	+20c
HK Land	62	62½	62	62	63	+$1
Humphreys	19.70n	20s	19.70n	19.70n	19.70n	steady
HK Realty	1.925b	1.975	1.975n	2.025	2.05	+7½c
HK Trams	24.40	24.30	24.40	24.70	25	+60c
Star Ferry	137n	135	133b	137b	140b	+$7
Yaumatis	105	106	103b	106	105	+$2
Ch Lights (o)	22.30	22.30	22.30	22.60	23	+70c
Ch Lights (n)	16¼	16.70	16.40	16.90	18.60	+$2.20
Electric	43¼	43¼	43¼	43¾	43¾	+50c
HK Telephone	33¼b	33	33¼	33¾	33¾	+50c
G.I. Cement	36¾	36¾	36¾	37¾	37¾	+$1
Dairy Farm	18.80	18.90	18.70	18.70	18.40	—30c
A.S. Watson	13b	12.80	13.10	12.90	12.80	—30c
Lane Crawford	35½	35½	34¾b	35½n	35½n	+75c
Yangtsze	6.65	6.65	6.65b	6.90	6.80b	+15c
Allied	5.55	5.45b	5.50b	5.55	5.50b	steady
HK & FE Inv	—	—	11.60	11.40	11.50	—10c
Textile Corp	5.65b	5½b	5½b	5.60	5.60	+10c
Nanyang	7.85n	7.90s	7.80s	7.40b	7.80n	steady

New York Stocks Show Small Gain On Day

New York, Feb. 2.

Stocks turned in an irregular performance today with late strength outweighing early easiness to give the list a small gain for the day—its fourth in a row.

A number of things helped market sentiment. Hopes that President Eisenhower will run for re-election were bolstered by some optimistic remarks by his personal physician Maj-Gen. Howard Snyder.

Mr Harlow Curtice, General Motors' president, reported officially 1 billion plus net income for the company in 1955—the first time in history any company has crossed that mark.

The upturn brought most issues from the lows but it failed to generate any real volume and most of the list showed small changes either side of the previous day. Of a total 1,125 issues appearing, 439 were higher on the day, 417 lower.

Oils Did Well

Turnover totalled 1,900,000 shares compared with 2,010,000 yesterday.

Motor shares, aircrafts and some oils did well, and a few special issues moved widely such as St Regis Paper which gained nearly 2 points on news that it plans to acquire Rhinelander Paper Co. through an exchange of shares.

American Telephone, strong in recent sessions on rumours of an impending stock split, backed down nearly 2 points.

Chrysler sparked motors with a gain of nearly 2 points. General Motor picked up nearly a point. Directors of both motors meet next week for dividend action.

In aircrafts gains ranged to 2 points in North American Aviation.

Steels were steady.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $4,820,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 700,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	473.43
20 rails	158.47
15 utilities	64.26
65 stocks	168.39
40 bonds	99.08
Comm. future price index	152.04
Comm. spot price index	158.78
Moody's index	406.70

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Aqy.	unquoted
Allied Chemicals	$106⅞
Allied Mills Inc.	34¾
Allis Chalmers	57
American Airline	23⅛
American Cyanamide Co.	65⅞
Am. Mach. & Fdry	24⅞
American Metal	50½
American Smelting	61 1/7
Am. Sugar Ref.	91
American Tel. & Tel.	184⅞
American Tob. "B"	82¾
Anaconda Copper	68¾
Armco Steel	49⅞
Armour	16
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	18⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	44½
Bendix Aviation Corp.	[illegible]
Banquet Cons.	14
Bethlehem Steel	161¼
Boeing Airplane	73½
Borden (The) Co.	60⅞
Burroughs Add. Machine	30⅞
Canadian Pacific R.	[illegible]
Case (J. I.) Co.	[illegible]
C. I. T. Financial	[illegible]
Cat. Tractor	[illegible]
Celanese Corp.	18⅞
Chase Manhat. Bank	48⅞
Chrysler Motors	77
Colgate-Palmolive Co. xd.	69¾
Commercial Credit	52¾
Commonwealth Elec.	42
Consolidated Edison	48½
Continental Oil of Del.	103
Corn Products	29¼
Crane Co.	35½
Crown Zellerbach	56½
Cuban Amer. Sugar	16¾
Curtis Wright	28¼
Diamond Alkali	43½
Dow Chemicals	58
Dupont de Nemours	219
Eastman Kodak	78¼
El Paso National Gas	40½
Erie Railroad	21½
Family Finance Corp.	24
General Electric	54⅞
General Foods	86½
General Motors	43⅞
Gen. Pub. Util.	35⅞
Gillette Safety Razor	42⅞
Glidden Co.	38¼
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	79¼
Goodyear Tire	63½
Heyden Chemical	18¼
Homestake Mining Co.	33½
Ingersoll-Rand	83½
Inland Steel Co.	82
Interchemical Corp.	46⅞
Int'l Business Machines	400
Int'l Harvester	37⅛
International Nickel	80½
International Paper	109¾
Int'l Tel & Tel	31¾
John-Manville Co.	84½
Kansas C. Power & Light	38½
Kennecott Copper	129½
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	72
Lockheed Aircraft	49¾
Loews Incorp.	20½
Lone Star Cement Co.	74
Louisville & Nashville R.	84½
Lowenstein & Sons.	29
Mesabi Iron Corp.	48½
Minnesota Mining	108
Mission Development	31¾
Monsanto Chemical Co.	43⅝
Montgomery Ward	88½
Motorola Inc.	45
National Cash Reg. "A"	30⅞
National Dairy Prod.	38⅞
National Distillers	22⅜
National Lead	81½
National Steel Corp.	68¾
New York Central	41⅝
Olin Mathieson	54⅞
Otis Elevators (new)	35¼
Owen-Illinois Glass	64
Pacific Gas & Elec.	49¾
Pacific Western Oil	44
Pan American Airways	17⅛
Paramount Pictures	31⅛
Parke Davis Co.	43¾
Penny J. C. Co.	92¾
Penn. Salt Co.	40¼
Philip Morris	48½
Phillips Petroleum	80¾
Procter & Gamble Co.	96¾
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	77¾
Publicker Industries	9¼
Pure Oil	42¾
Radio Corporation	42⅝
Republic Steel	44½
Reynolds Metal	49⅝
Shell Oil Co.	71¼
Saint Reg. Paper	44
Sinclair Oil	57⅞
Socony Vacuum	69⅝
South Porto Rico Sugar	37
Southern National Gas	36½
Southern Railway (Com.)	104¾
Standard Brands	48⅛
Standard Oil of Cal.	90¾
Standard Oil of Ind.	51⅛
Standard Oil of N.J.	153¾
Sterling Drug Co.	53¾
Stokely-Van Camp.	16⅞
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	9⅞
Swift & Co.	48¾
Texas Co.	[illegible]
Tide Water Assn. Oil	34
Twenty Century Fox Film	23
Union Carbide	104¾
Union Pacific Railway	170
United Aircraft	[illegible]
U.S. Gypsum	[illegible]
U.S. Line Co.	[illegible]
U.S. Rubber	[illegible]
U.S. Smelting	[illegible]
U.S. Steel	[illegible]
Warner Bros.	[illegible]
Westinghouse Electric	[illegible]
West Va. Pulp & Paper	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]

—United Press.

NY COTTON FUTURES GO AHEAD

New York, Feb. 2.

Cotton futures today crept ahead gradually after a steady start with nearby months leading the way.

In quiet dealings, spot March contract crowded close to the 35 cent level, setting a new high since last Feb. 28.

Finishing around the highs the list was up 4 to 20 points on the day. Opening prices were unchanged to up 5 points. New Orleans closed 17 to 28 points higher.

New crop deliveries trailed along, but activity there was curbed while traders awaited Congressional developments on farm legislation and an expected early announcement on the interim minimum support price for the next crop.

NEW YORK

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.55
Mar.	34.95
May	34.40
July	33.37
Oct.	31.68
Dec.	31.49
Mar.	31.24
May	31.01
July	30.53

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Spot	35.05n
Mar.	34.93
May	34.40
July	33.31-33
Oct.	31.63
Dec	31.45
Mar.	31.17
May	30.94
July	30.53

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. as follows:

Old contract	
Mar./April	25.90
May/June	25.00
July/Aug.	24.00
New contract	
May/June	30.10
July/Aug.	28.50
Oct./Nov.	26.15
Dec./Jan.	25.75
Egyptian Karnak Jan./Feb.	45.00

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

March	29.50
May	30.10
July	31.75
October	32.00
December	32.00

—United Press.

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to about $1,000,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1750	1755	70 @ 1755
East Asia	230		
INSURANCES			
Union	992½		7 @ 995
Lombard	56½		
SHIPPING			
Waterboat	24½		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	70		
Dock	33	33¾	200 @ 33½
Provident (Old)	15.20	15½	02 @ 15.30; 100 @ 15.30
Wheelock	8.60	8.75	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	17.00	17.60	500 @ 17.50; 4000 @ 17.60
HK Land (Old)	63	63½	200 @ 63
(New)	61	61½	469 @ 61; 100 @ 61
Realty X. All	1.60	1.70	
RUBBER			
A. Rubber	1.77½	1.8½	15,000 @ 1.80
Trust		2.70	6000 @ 2.60; 10,000 @ 2.50
UTILITIES			
Tram	24.90	25.40	1300 @ 25
Star Ferry	141		
Y'mati Ferry	105	106	100 @ 105; 150 @ 100
C. Light (O)	22.90	23.10	1700 @ 23; 500 @ 23.10; 105 @ 23; 1000 @ 23
C. Light (N)	18.80	19	933 @ 18.80; 3000 @ 18.90; 3500 @ 19; 1600 @ 18.90
Electric	43¾	44½	2000 @ 44; 500 @ 44
Macao Electric (Old)	9½		
(New)	8.30		
Telephone	33¾		200 @ 33.75; 100 @ 34
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	37¾	38	1600 @ 37.75; 40 @ 38
Rope	16.20		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	18.00	18½	200 @ 18.40; 1000 @ 18.30; 500 @ 18.40; 500 @ 18.30
Watson	12.60		
COTTONS			
Textiles		5.65	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtze			2700 @ 6.90
H.K. & F.E. Invest	11.30	11.60	800 @ 11.40

RUBBER MARKETS

New York Feb. 2.

The No. 1 Rss rubber futures contract today closed one to 45 points higher with sales of 296 contracts.

Futures:

No. 1 Rss

March	39.15
May	36.75
July	35.40
September	34.35
December	33.70

New Standard Contract

March	37.70n
May	36.15
July	34.70
September	33.75
December	32.80
March	37.31

SINGAPORE

Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	
Feb.	107¼-107½
Mar.	106¾-107½
April	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	
Feb.	105¾-106¼
No. 3 rubber per lb.	
Feb.	105½-106¼
No. 4 rubber per lb.	
Feb.	102¼-103
Spot rubber unbaled	107¼-107¼
Blanket crepe	97-99
No. 1 pale crepe	118-119

LONDON

The market was dull with spot quoted at 31⅝ pence per lb.

Prices:

No. 1 Rss Spot	31½-31½
Settlement house term:	
March	31½-31½
April	31½-31¼
April/June	30⅞-31
July/September	29½-29¾
Oct./Dec.	28½-28¾
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
February	31-31½
March	30⅞-31½
April	unquoted
Estate crepe	unquoted

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET CLOSED FIRM

London, Feb. 2.

Stocks closed generally firm in quiet trading on the London Exchange today.

Interest in oil and copper shares brightened, with oils staging a brisk advance at the opening. Then support fell off, and they finished near yesterday's closing levels. Coppers were firm on overseas buying strength.

The main body of industrials moved narrowly. Fractional gains predominated at the close. Steel shares firmed during a good part of the session.

British government stocks were mostly steady.

Dollar stocks moved up following yesterday's Wall Street advance, but American Ford lost a sizable fraction.

Foreign bonds were trendless in quiet dealings.—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Feb. 2.

New York	2.80⅝-2-11/16
Montreal	2.80⅝-2.80-7/16
Amsterdam	10.62½-10.62¾
Brussels	139.57½-139.62½
Copenhagen	19.32¼-19.32½
Frankfurt	11.73⅛-11.73⅜
Lisbon	80.10-80.25
Milan	1754½-1755
Netherlands West Indies	5.20-5.29
Paris	983⅝-983⅞
Stockholm	14.52½-14.52¾
Zurich	12.24⅝-12.25⅛

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Feb. 2.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 10 contracts.

The domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 323 contracts.

World futures ruled quiet pending raw market developments. Most of the interest in the domestic contract centred in the spot March delivery with trade interests on both sides of the market. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (wrold)

March	3.23
May	3.20
July	3.26
Sept.	3.26
Oct.	3.26
Spot-(cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.28

Contract No. 6

March	5.32
May	5.37
July	5.40
Sept.	5.40
Nov.	5.35
Spot-(cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.35

-United Press

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.87
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.76
Australian notes (per £1)	12.40
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	14.50
Siam tical (per 100)	20.20
Singapore (Straits)	1.81

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"CARTHAGE"	29th February	2nd April
"CHUSAN"	15th March	13th April

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CORFU"	10th February	12th March
"CANTON"	9th March	9th April
"CARTHAGE"	6th April	7th May
*"CHUSAN"	29th April	27th May

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"ORDIA" due 25th Feb. from Karachi & Bombay sails 26th Feb. for Japan

"ORDIA" sails 29th Mar. for Singapore, Colombo, BOMBAY, Karachi, Basrah, Khorramshahr & Kuwait

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A Ray Of Sunshine

THIS time of the year must, for most women, be as full of temptations as a bargain sale. For, whenever the sun appears, spring seems to be almost within hailing distance. And in the spring a woman's fancy lightly turns to frivolous things, and her eye turns to the advertisement columns and dwells ever longer on the invitations they contain to indulge her pretty fancies.

A shaft of sunlight somehow found its way through the clouds the other morning, and lighted on the solemn grey of Bow Street court. The effect upon the women and girls who came and went about the building was immediate, and you could almost see them shedding their worries and their years in the sun.

NO MESSAGE

BUT in the dock, in the downstairs court, a woman stood for whom alone the shaft of sunlight seemed to have no message.

Her name was Margaret. She probably had been pretty once, with the kind of prettiness that goes with a tip-tilted nose and grey soft eyes. But now her face was crabbed and drawn like that of a very old woman although she was only 40.

Margaret had pleaded guilty before the Chief Magistrate, Sir Laurence Dunne, to stealing food from the hospital where she worked through the night as a domestic servant. She had been stopped as she left for home, at 6.40 that morning, by the hospital's security officer.

SIX CHILDREN

IN the bag Margaret was carrying, he had found six eggs, ¼lb. of tea, three bananas and ¼lb. meat—8s worth of food, which she at once admitted was not hers.

A detective went into the witness-box, to tell Sir Laurence what he had been able to discover about Margaret.

"She is married, sir," he said, "and has six children. Her husband is a sick man, and has not been able to work since 1940. He draws £3 a week assistance."

"How old are the children?" the chief magistrate asked.

RATHER POOR

"THERE are girls aged seven, 11, 13 and 20," said the policeman, "and boys aged nine and 17. The younger boy is a patient in the hospital where this woman works, and the girl of 20 is in another hospital."

"So only the 17-year-old boy can help with money? What does he give his mother?"

"He gives her £1 a week, sir. The circumstances of the home are rather poor, sir," the policeman added.

Sir Laurence nodded, and asked Margaret what she had to say.

"Only I'm extremely sorry, sir, and I don't know what made me do it."

SOMEONE TO TURN TO

"WELL, I've no doubt you have a difficult time," said Sir Laurence, "but you mustn't do this, you know. I think I'd better see if there's any way a probation officer could help you. If I make a probation order, it is quite possible she may be able to."

"Oh please, yes, sir," said Margaret.

"You take your worries and troubles to her," said Sir Laurence. "What do you earn at the hospital?"

"I get £6 10s. a week for working nights."

"Six pounds ten, eh?" said Sir Laurence. "Well, I daresay there are a good many mouths to feed on that, though things aren't as bad with you as I thought at first. Very well, probation."

"Thank you, sir," Margaret said with some fervour, and she hurried away. Winter had taken over again outside, and faces were glum. But not Margaret's. The thought of having someone to turn to in trouble, made it seem like summer to her.

Eden Off To Ottawa Today

Ottawa, Feb. 2.

Sir Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister, will hold at least two formal discussions with the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Louis St Laurent, during a five-day visit here from tomorrow.

Sir Anthony will fly up from Washington, where he has been conferring with President Eisenhower, landing in Ottawa at 11 p.m. GMT. A Royal Canadian Air Force plane was being sent to Washington to bring him.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the British Foreign Secretary, was due to reach Ottawa about three hours later after a separate trip to Chicago.

Sir Anthony has no engagements on Saturday or Sunday except an informal lunch on Saturday at Mr St Laurent's home.—Reuter.

Not Eligible For Compensation

Under an Order made by the Governor in Council, prisoners engaged in work — whether voluntary or not—have been declared not to be workmen for the purposes of the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance, 1953. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Woman Fighting For Her Life

Honolulu, Feb. 2.

A 42-year-old Honolulu housewife was fighting for her life in an iron lung here today after being bitten by a rare poisonous spider from the South Pacific.

The victim, Mrs Ethel Tanabe, was bitten on her hand on Monday by the spider while she was cleaning a cupboard in her home. She reportedly lapsed into a coma several hours later and was taken to hospital yesterday, when her respiratory system became paralysed.

Entomologists of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association said the rare red and yellow spider, was accidentally introduced about five years ago by ships arriving from the South Pacific.

The authorities said several other persons had been bitten, but none had suffered ill effects other than pain and numbness.

The doctors said apparently Mrs Tanabe was highly sensitive to the insect's venom.—United Press.

Changes In Councils

Mr J Keswick, CMG, has ceased to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council upon the acceptance of his resignation by H.E. the Governor, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

It was also announced that, in accordance with instructions received from H.M. the Queen through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr D J. S. Crozier to be an Official Member of the Executive Council. Mr Crozier ceased to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council upon the acceptance of his resignation by H.E. the Governor.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr P C. M Sedgwick, provisionally and subject to Her Majesty's pleasure, to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council.

Scholarships Fund Committee

In exercise of powers conferred on him by the Education Scholarships Fund Ordinance, H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr Chung King-pui and Mrs Ellen Li Tsao to be Members of the Education Scholarships Fund Committee for a period of three years, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

It was also announced that Mr Cheung Shiu-tong has been appointed Secretary to the Committee, and the Senior Accountant of the Education Department to be the Treasurer of the Fund. The Director of Audit has been appointed auditor of the Fund.

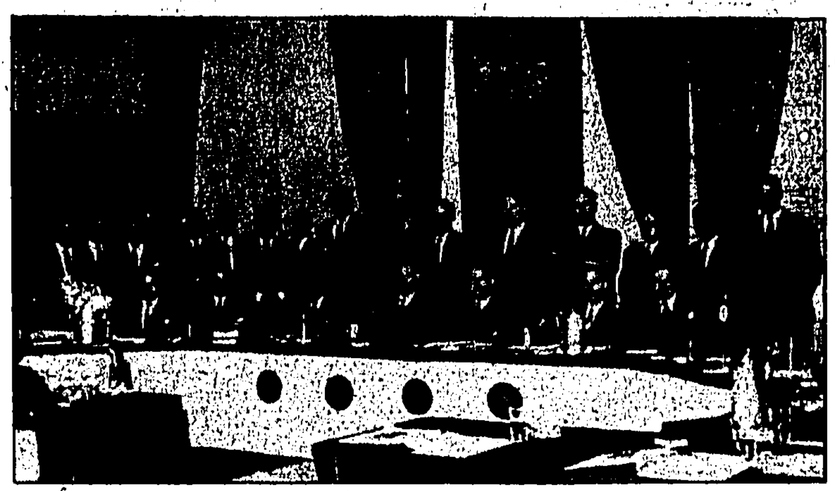
Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Stock Market Report; 6.06, Programme for Children presented by Valerie (Studio); 6.30, Popularity Poll presented by Jean. Predict the three top tunes of the week to win $30 (Studio); 6.59, Weather Report; 7, Times Signal and The News (London Relay); 7.09, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 7.15, Jazz Half Hour presented by Robert Acheson (Studio); 7.45, Continental Cabaret presented by Denise Brabant (Studio); 8.15, Take It from Here. Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards with Wallas Eaton, Alma Cogan, June Whitfield (BBCTS); 8.45, Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (London Relay); 9, Time Signal "Operation Fat Choy". In which Radio Hongkong and Rediffusion join forces to raise funds for the Chinese New Year Drive For Needy Families. Vote for your favourite tune—or against your pet hate! Each vote means a pledge of $1 to the Fund. Number of Votes unlimited. Phone your votes to 72211. God save the Queen; 12, Midnight—Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Variety Calls. The Tune; 3, Music Matinee; 3.30, Strike Up The Band; 3.45, Bleak House—by Charles Dickens; 4, Tea For Two; 4.30, Sammy Kaye Show; 4.45, Boomer On Dumetrius 5, Children's Corner—Conducted by Auntie Val; 5.30, Friday Requests—Presented by Betty; 6.15, Birthday Mailbag; 6.15, Record Parade; 6.45, The Final Year; 7, Time Signal and The News; 7.09, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 7.15, Track Talk—Tips For Tomorrow's Races; 7.30, Cocktail Hour; 8, Personality Parade—Reginald Dixon; 8.15, Take It From Here; 8.45, Fiesta Time — Latin American Rhythms; 9, Operation "Fat Choy"—3-Hour Request Show, to raise Funds for the Chinese New Year Drive for Needy Families. Phone 72511 and Vote for your Favourite Tune from the List of Hit Tunes published in the Local Press; 12, Midnight, "God Save the Queen"; Close Down.

BOAC Conference In Colony Opens



BOAC managers from London and the Far East this morning began BOAC's Far East sales conference in the Peninsula Hotel under the chairmanship of Mr G. H. C. Lee, General Sales Manager of BOAC. This picture, taken by a staff photographer, shows the delegates assembled for the opening of the conference.

Urban Council Elections In March

An election to fill vacancies for six elected members of the Urban Council will be held on March 7, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

There are six vacancies because not only have the seats of Dr R. H. S. Lee and Mr F. D. Au who were re-elected in March 1954 for two years to be filled, but under the terms of the Urban Council (Amendment) Ordinance which passed into law last month, the number of elected members has been increased from four to eight.

Under the Ordinance, the term of office of both appointed and elected Members is now four years instead of two, and it is provided that election of four Members and the appointment of four Members should take place in alternate years.

The Gazette notification says that the period of office for the four members who receive on March 7 the greatest number of votes will expire on March 31, 1959 (i.e. in four years' time) while the period of office of the two remaining members will expire on March 31, 1957 (i.e. in two years' time).

NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Government Gazette notification says that nominations for the six vacancies will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Nominations must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Urban Council Election, at Room 508, New Government Offices, Lower Albert Road.

Each candidate must be nominated on a separate nomination paper in the form prescibed by the Urban Council Elections (Procedure) Regulations, 1955 or in a similar form. Copies of this form may be obtained free of charge from the Returning Officer at the Secretariat Building.

Each nomination paper must be subscribed by ten electors and no elector may subscribe more than six nomination papers.

Ship Reported Out Of Trouble

The Philippines motor vessel Regina, proceeding here presumably from the Philippine Islands with a load of cargo, developed engine trouble yesterday morning about 100 miles south of Hongkong.

The Taikoo Dockyard's tug, Taikoo, was sent to assist the Regina yesterday afternoon, and was standing by her after reaching her early this morning.

Only scanty information was obtainable regarding the Regina, of 1,306 tons, as she has no agents in Hongkong.

However, one reliable source said late this morning that the Regina had overcome her engine trouble and was proceeding here under her own power.

Given Recognition

H. E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has accorded formal recognition to Mr Shigeru Matsumoto as Consul for Japan at Hongkong. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Government Appointments

Dr G.V.A. Griffith, Senior Medical Officer, has been appointed Assistant Director of Medical Services, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Other appointments gazetted were: Mr G.R. Pickett to be Assistant Commissioner of Prisons; Mr Leung Yam-ling to be Assessor; Mr G.M. Tingle to be Acting Establishment Officer, vice Mr Barty; Mr J.J. Cowperthwaite to be Acting Director of Commerce and Industry, during the absence of Mr H.A. Angus; Mr R.M. Hetherington to be Acting Deputy Financial Secretary (Economic), vice Mr Cowperthwaite; Mr D.C.C. Trench to be Acting Deputy Financial Secretary (Finance), vice Mr Hetherington; Mr J. Caldwell to be Acting Officer-in-charge, Training Centre, during the absence of Mr Garner; Mr J. Reynolds, District Judge, to be Acting Puisne Judge, during the absence of Mr Justice T.J. Gould; Mr A.W. Hircock to be Acting Superintendent of Prisons, vice Mr McTavish; Mr L.W. Brace to be Acting Chief Officer, Prisons, vice Mr Hircock.

It was also announced that Mr C. L. Scobell, Sub-Inspector of Police, has ceased to act as Assistant Superintendent of Police on proceeding on leave.

Peking Radio On Liu Yung-ming.

Paris, Feb. 3.

Peking Radio alleged today that American agents had used "strong outside pressure" to induce Liu Yung-ming, a former Chinese student who arrived in Hongkong from America on Tuesday, not to return to China and to his wife and daughter there.

The Radio charged that Hongkong's Public Relations Officer, Mr J. L. Murray, had arranged a Press conference with Liu even before the President Wilson, on which Liu travelled, arrived in Hongkong and that Hongkong's Deputy Immigration Officer, Mr H. V. McCreton, had "stated explicitly after the Press conference that until that moment he knew nothing about Liu Yung-ming wanting to stay in Hongkong."—France-Presse.

Rank Confirmed

H.E. the Governor has approved the confirmation in rank of Temporary Commissioned Stores Officer S. G. Mills, Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

H.E. the Governor has permitted Lieutenant (Sp.) A. D. Scholes to retire from the Royal Hongkong Defence Force on attaining the normal age of retirement, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

ICE REVUE A WINNER

The touring American revue, "Holiday On Ice" came to town last night. In a private preview shown to a near capacity crowd at the Hongkong Football stadium, the globetrotting professional entertainers held spectators spellbound with their colourful two and a half hours of precision skating, acrobatic feats and clowning.

The highlight of the show was the spectacular lighting effects in the fabulous number "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea." With the stadium lights switched off, the luminous costumes worn by the cast brought out a realistic undersea effect.

CIRCUS NUMBER

The circus number "Under The Big Top" deserves mention, the man-made animals—giraffes, elephants, monkeys and lions—that appeared in the artificial ice rink would have been the envy of many a circus.

Style on Stilts by Werner Muller earned rounds of applause from the crowd as Mueller, on an 18-inch high stilt, displayed a truly ice skating feat by zig-zagging around obstacles placed on the rink.

Japan's Reiko Kato in her "Oriental Fantasy" danced and glided around with grace and ease and a big cheer greeted her at the close of a scintillating performance.

In between items, comedians Peter Van Gils, Rene and Lucien brought the roof down with their performances.

This "Holiday On Ice" is worth going to see and both adults and children will be entranced by the colourful revue.

MADE EXAMINER

In exercise of powers conferred on him by Merchant Shipping Ordinance H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr W. Grieve to be an Examiner of Engineers in the mercantile marine, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

CLAIM AND COUNTER-CLAIM

PLAINTIFF DENIES JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT

The plaintiff in an action involving a claim for $53,890.41 and a counter-claim for $766,700 at the Supreme Court denied this morning that he agreed to take part in a joint venture with the defendants in manufacturing rubber shoes as alleged.

T. O. Wong, managing director of T. O. Wong and Co., of 208-210 Prince's Building, was replying to questions by the Defence in cross-examination at the hearing before Mr Justice J. Reynolds.

Plaintiffs claimed the first sum as money lent to the defendant, Tsai Wai-ming, trading as the Popular Rubber Works, of 28 Belchers Street, under an agreement dated June 3, 1954, with interest at eight per cent up to May 23, 1955.

Defendant claimed the larger sum as expenses for the installation of machinery and special damages for loss of profits and remuneration for three years.

Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr J. C. B. Slack, of Hastings and Co., represented the plaintiff company. Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by Mr W. I. Cheung, of P. H. Sin and Co., appeared for the defendant.

Defendant admitted the agreement, but denied liability. He claimed that the use of plaintiffs' godown was not available to him because plaintiffs refused to remove some inflammable material from it, and the agreement could not therefore be performed.

Answering Mr Shurlock's questions this morning, plaintiff agreed that yesterday he had told the Court that he thought the obtaining of a licence for a rubber factory would be difficult.

PROVISION QUERY

Mr Shurlock asked plaintiff why, in the face of the probable difficulties, he did not think of incorporating in his agreement with defendants a specific provision that either defendant or himself should apply to the Labour Department for such a licence.

Plaintiff replied that was not a normal condition in such a contract.

Questioned further, Wong denied that he told defendant to apply for a licence for a latex factory and that if that was granted defendant could later apply for a licence for a rubber factory.

After defendant had done this on his own, plaintiff explained, he (defendant) told him about that move.

NORMAL RELATIONS

Asked if he was on good terms with the Labour Department, Wong said his relations with that Department was ordinary and lawful and everything was done officially. He denied the existence of a bad relationship resulting from his alleged refusal to pay claims to dependents of deceased workmen, saying he paid such claims according to law.

Plaintiff denied further that he shifted responsibility for getting the licence for the factory from himself onto defendant. That, he said, had never been his responsibility. All along it had been the defendant's.

Mr Shurlock referred witness to a letter written by the Labour Department dated September 17, 1954, and addressed to the Popular Rubber Works stipulating certain requirements for the factory. Plaintiff said Mr Lau, an architect, showed him that letter. He asked Mr Lau for permission to take the letter with him so that he could make a copy of it.

Later, plaintiff continued, he returned with the letter, but Mr Lau was not available at the time. So he left it in an envelope in his own file and eventually forgot to return it to Mr Lau. All this happened some time after the action was first instituted.

Before that time, defendant on one occasion explained to him the requirements laid down by the Labour Department. He told defendant thereupon that it was his (defendant's) job to provide those requirements. Everything was done on the clear understanding that the rubber works were defendant's sole responsibility.

"NOT THE CASE"

Mr Shurlock asked Wong if the position was that he did not want to have anything to do with the factory because he had changed his mind and wanted only to go on with his peanut oil business.

Wong replied that was not the case. He added that he had been in the peanut oil business for the past 20 years.

Further questioned, plaintiff agreed that some time in 1953 he had told defendant he was interested in exporting rubber shoes and that he (plaintiff) had no experience along that line.

Plaintiff explained that he asked defendant to introduce someone to him who had experience in exporting these goods. Defendant introduced a Mr Chan to him. Chan was put in charge of the department for exporting Hongkong manufactured goods in plaintiff's firm.

"NOT CORRECT"

Mr Shurlock asked plaintiff whether, in the course of the conversation, he told defendant that he wished to convert the godown in Mongkok, which was being used for peanut oil storage, into a rubber factory because business was bad. Plaintiff said that was not correct.

Plaintiff agreed having told defendant that in view of the trade policies of Communist China at the time, he did not expect much peanut oil to pass through Hongkong from China, and therefore he could spare part of the premises for manufacturing rubber shoes.

But, Wong went on, he stressed that whoever was to manufacture the goods should do so on his own responsibility, and he (plaintiff) was only to act as agent.

There never was any question of any joint venture or interest in the manufacture of the rubber goods between himself and defendant, he added.

Hearing is continuing.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"I asked the boys for a raise last week! This must be the answer—an economy memo!"

PLANE CRASHES IN TOKYO

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

An American jet fighter plane crashed into a heavily-populated area in the Northeast section of Tokyo today and first reports said at least three persons were hurt.

A US Air Force spokesman said the plane was believed to be a Marine Corps aircraft. He added that a team of military police had been rushed to the scene.—United Press.

PROMOTED

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